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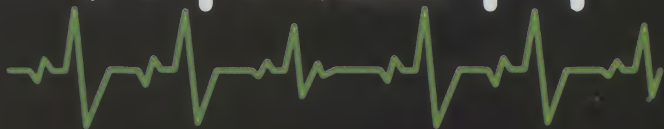
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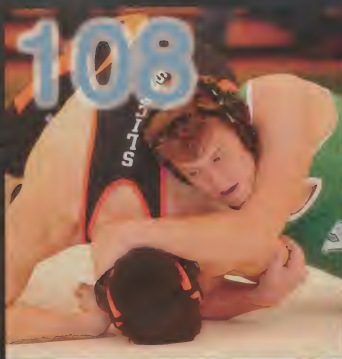


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The definition of **vitality** is the continuation of a meaningful existence. Therefore, it is *Viking Vitality* that proves to be the pulsating life force that is found in the hallways, athletic fields, and classrooms at VHS.

Each student at VHS has this quality which gives a united purpose. Everyone involved in the Viking Nation strives to create the best environment for a valuable experience.

Every student and staff member is a vital part of Valparaiso High School. Their willingness to learn and grow within the community is essential to the development of VHS. Clubs, sports, and academics allow students to heighten their involvement in every aspect at Valparaiso High School.

The liveliness of the student body creates a strong sense of school spirit, and the eagerness of our faculty to teach gives each student at VHS a great experience. **Viking Vitality** is the pulse of the community as well as the school.

Fall Division



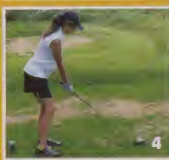
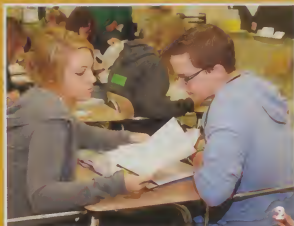
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1. The football team prepares to enter the field.
2. Senior Brigid Scannell tries to make a block.
3. In the stands, Viking fans cheer.
4. Senior Rachel Mathews and Junior Cameron Snapp dance the night away.



1. A Band practices during 4/5th hour.
2. Seniors Allie O'Brien and Phil Russell work together on their sociology homework.
3. The marching band plays "Breadfan" during a football game.



1. Cheerleaders set up the banner before the football team runs on the field.
2. Seniors Jenni Mallek and Madalyn Jovanovic dress up for class color day.
3. Junior Laura Gruszka plays the timpani.
4. Freshman Madison Macke prepares to hit the ball.

HOMECOMING WEEK

If someone outside of Valparaiso had walked through the halls during the week of September 26, they might have seen some hard core sports fans, geek chic nerds, or horribly mismatched outfits. Homecoming week was full of team spirit in anticipation for the Homecoming football game on Friday, September 30 against the Merrillville Pirates.

Each day of the week had a specific theme that students followed in order to support the varsity football team. Monday was "Sports Day", Tuesday was "Nerd Day", Wednesday was "Class Color Day", Thursday was "Mismatch Day", and Friday was "Green and White Day". In the end, the freshman displayed the most Viking pride with the senior class in second place, juniors in third, and sophomores in fourth.

On Thursday, September 29, fall sports members and clubs marched down Campbell to the Porter Health Amphitheater where the pep rally was held. Every year, Student Council nominated three male teachers and three female teachers for the faculty Homecoming court. Mr. Ryan Labis and Mrs. Tina Morales were crowned king and queen at the pep rally.

Seniors Laura Ferrari, Allie O'Brien, Jenna Janesheski, Megan Rudovich, Alexia Knoblock, and Kate Workman were chosen by the senior class as the 2011 Homecoming Court. At the football game on Friday night, it was announced that Megan Rudovich won Homecoming Princess and Kate Workman won the title of Homecoming Queen.

The Vikings lost to the Merrillville Pirates with the final score being 31-28.

MONDAY Athlete Day



Jenelle Klumpe, Andi Sarkisian, and Allie Mogck, 11

TUESDAY Nerd Day



Kyle Meihof, 11

WEDNESDAY Class Color Day



Ireland McLinn, 9

THURSDAY MisMatch Day



Fox Arnold, 9

FRIDAY Green and White Day



Hannah Carl and Amyla Wooden, 9



Peter Fink, 11



Erin Evers, 12



Taylor Brychell, 12



Xavier Bergner, 11



Rene' Lozano, 11



Gareth Kaye, 10



Bret Melton, 11



Tyler Smaga, 11



Cassandra DeMan, 10



Mrs. Ginger Sajdera, Staff



1. Spanish Club members ride their award-winning float.
2. A French Club member waves at the crowd during the parade.
3. "I was very honored," said Homecoming Princess senior Megan Rudovich. She posed for a picture with Homecoming Queen senior Kate Workman.



1. Mr. Ryan Labis is crowned faculty homecoming king by junior Veronica Chevalier. The Homecoming king and queen were voted on by students. The students placed their votes by giving donations to local charities.
2. At the parade, Mayor Jon Costas smiles at the crowd.
3. Members of Key Club smile and show off their school spirit while they wait to enter the parade.
4. Many athletic teams and their coaches attend the pep rally downtown. Cheers filled the air as the football team celebrated their season.
5. S.T.A.N.D. students march down Campbell Street proudly displaying their banner.
6. At the pep rally, the band entertains with music.

HOMECOMING DANCE

Passport Around The World was the theme for the 2011 Homecoming dance. The VHS cheerleaders transformed the cafeteria and the surrounding hallways into an airport and landmarks from countries which included France, China, and Italy. The beautiful decorations gave students an authentic feel for each country represented.

"Trying to get everything organized was somewhat hard but after we got going it was easier. It was a lot of fun seeing how everything turned out though," said junior captain **Caitlyn Gear**.

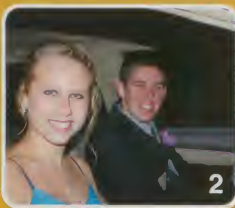
The dance took place on Saturday, October 1, 2011. Over a thousand tickets were sold.

Students voted senior **Kate Workman** as Homecoming Queen and senior **Megan Rudovich** as Homecoming Princess.

"I was very surprised and happy. It was great to know I had a good amount of supporters in every grade," said **Workman**.



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1. Juniors **Alexis Dejesus** and **Alex Abraham** take pictures before the dance at her home. "I live for school dances. I always have a good time," said **Dejesus**.

2. Before leaving for the dance, senior **Patrick Guzlewicz** and junior **Taylor Woods** smile for a picture.

3. Juniors **Emily Novello**, **Lizz Gold**, and friends pose for a group picture beforehand. "Getting ready for the dance is always my favorite part. I love taking pictures with all of my friends," said junior **Kaylee Mathis**.

4. While placing the corsage on junior **Devin Roach's** wrist, junior **Zach Buchwalter** grins at a park near his home.

5. **Taylor Brychell** helps senior **Hannah Albers** with her makeup.

HOMECOMING COURT



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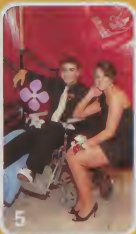
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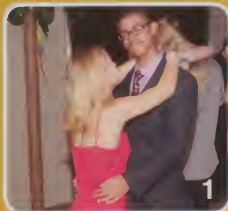
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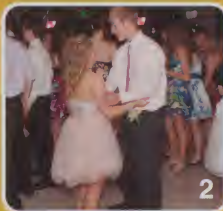
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1. Senior Jenna Janesheski with graduate Andy Martin
2. Senior Alexia Knoblock with graduate Joe Jessen
3. Senior Megan Rudovich with graduate John Zale

4. Senior Allie O'Brien with senior Nick Lamm
5. Senior Laura Ferrari with senior Bryon Duncan
6. Senior Kate Workman with senior Jose Lara



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1. Enjoying the evening, junior Megan Rogers dances with her date senior Quinten McFadden.
2. During a slow dance, junior Lizz Gold and senior Conner Tippins enjoy the music. "I had a lot of fun. I always looked forward to the Homecoming Dance," said Tippins.
3. Students twirl around the dance floor in the VHS cafeteria during a fast song.
4. Kaitlin Barton, a sophomore, and her friend enjoy the evening.
5. Singing along to the music, juniors Kevin Maynard, Victoria Perez, and Mindi Reach have fun. "This year's homecoming was the best dance I have ever been to!" said Perez.
6. Seniors Emily Brown, Abigail Mitchell, and Samantha Krsak write down song requests at the dance.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Vital Players



"I enjoyed the camaraderie that we had."

-John Pacurib, 12



"My greatest accomplishment this year was getting stronger and faster."

-Alex Abney, 12



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1. Head Coach **Mark Hoffman** gives junior **Andrew Kittridge** the next play before the clock begins.

2. After the snap, senior **Paul Andrie** looks for his receiver to pass on the ball.

3. Junior **Stephen Simms** runs a touchdown for the Valparaiso Vikings.



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For the 24 seniors on the team, it was their last season to wear the Viking uniform. For varsity coach **Mark Hoffman**, the season was a special one as well. Hoffman retired at the end of the season after 39 of coaching in Valparaiso.

"Faith, Family, Education, Football" said Hoffman about the lessons learned from the season.

The Vikings finished the season with a 5-4 record.

Front Row (L to R) Bo Thorgren, Sam Bernard, Marina Smeas, Aubrey Carpenter, Jenna Mitchell, Kim Jankowski, Emily Naggatz, Alexis Cleveland, Enca Gideon, Gabrielle Cowan, Aly Thomas, Nikkie Wimberley, Cheyenne Garpow, Maddisen Brennecke, Hannah White, Stephanie Baxter-Ivey, Veronica Chevalier, Audianna Beristan, Brandon Welsh

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Third Row Taylor Scheddenberger, Stephen Simms, Mike Gallinatti, Kyle Rafferty, Khonor Bradley, Quin Geans, Geoffrey Schwerleger, Patrick Reilly, Spencer Sovich, Aaron Miller, Adam Miller, Kyle Miller, John Pacurib, Collin Pixley

Fourth Row Nate McChesney, Nate Cox, Nate Gayda, Sebastian Kaiser, Mark Johnson, Jake Woodward, Anthony Rojas, Ryan Bednar, CJ Gear, Caleb Dawson, Matt Dick, Robert Lee, Joel Madgal, Luke Davis

Fifth Row Adam Bates, Jacob Gholston, John Reid, Garrett Brown, Ryan Tapp, Joe Gallinatti, Adrian Vukelic, Jake Grossnickle, Bryon Duncan, Nate Smith, Matt Huber, Zac Singleton, Alex Bates, Tyler Luzinski

Sixth Row Matt Scarsella, Matt Turner, Mark DeBats, Michael Krutz, Angelo Madgal, Nate Cornett, Greg Thome, Brandon Greve, Tim Stasiak, Matt Lungehfer, Nick Thome, Alex Abney, Jack Andrie, Kyle Bishop

Seventh Row Trent Fortson, Connor Aheam, Alec Judy, Andrew Kittridge, Andrew Kittridge, Drew Schooler, Paul Andrie, David Hittinger, Aaron Ellis, Elliot Granados, Mitch Wiles, Patrick Gallagher, Andrew Sykes, Nick Greco, Spencer Sunday, Matt Ford

Eighth Row Paul Runyan, Markee Allen, Michael Rastovic, Marcus Allen, Ryan Nix, Zach Steiner, Steven Thurman, Nate Jordan, Brandon Hayes, Johnny Bednar, Nick Sekulowski, Lomie Pappas, Aaron Evans, Graham Pever, Taylor Bezette, Blake Blesien

Back Row Stacia Pluskicia, Mike Aheam, Coach Chance Garbison, Coach Tom Renn, Coach Sam Bernard, Coach Jason Renn, Coach Matt Helfner, Coach Eric Kennedy, Coach Ben Leske, Head Coach Mark Hoffman, Coach Pat Winters, Coach Mark Thorm, Coach Todd Evans, Coach Dave Coyle, Coach Bill Marshall, Coach Vincent Lewis, Coach Jon Davis





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1. At the beginning of the Homecoming game, the football team breaks through the banner held by the cheerleaders to the applause of the Valparaiso community.

2. Junior **Stephen Simms** holds onto the football at the bottom of the pile.

3. Tackling the Merrillville player, senior **Adrijan Vukelic** ends the play by bringing his opponent to the ground.

4. After giving water to the players on the field, managers junior **Brandon Welsh** and sophomore **Samantha Yaros** run off the field to the sideline.

5. Demonstrating good sportsmanship, the Valpo players shake hands with their opponents, the Merrillville Pirates, after the Homecoming game.

6. Between plays, senior **Paul Andrie** talks with head coach Mark Hoffman about the game.

7. Junior **Lonnie Pappas** sacks the quarterback on the fifty yard line for a crucial play.

8. Senior **John Bednar** plays center during the game and prepares for senior quarterback **Paul Andrie** to begin the play. **Bednar** and **Andrie** were captains of the varsity football team along with senior **Drew Schooler**.



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Vital Players



"[The best advice a coach has ever given me is] if you lose every game, but beat Portage, it is a winning season."

- Michael Krutz, 10



"My favorite part about being on the JV football team is playing a great sport with all my friends."

- Collin Pixley, 11



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1. The offense lines up against their opponents on the line of scrimmage for the next play.
2. Sophomore **Caleb Dawson** punts the ball to the opposing team. The Valparaiso Vikings played the Chesterton Trojans.
3. Running for the end zone, sophomore **Aaron Ellis** attempts to avoid the defensive players of the Chesterton team.



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The junior varsity football season was one of hard work and practice.

"[My favorite part about coaching this team was] seeing success after hard work and practice. It made everything we did worth it as coaches," said **Coach Todd Evans**.

The last game of the season, they defeated Lake Central. They considered that game the best moment of the season because of the effort that was put into it.



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 Back Row: Stacie Plukotska, Mike Ahearn, Coach Chance Garbison, Coach Tom Renn, Coach Jason Renn, Coach Matt Hether, Coach Sam Bernadi, Coach Eric Kennedy, Coach Ben Leske, Coach Pat Winters, Coach Mark Thorn, Coach Todd Evans, Coach Dave Coyle, Coach Bill Marshall, Coach Vincent Lewis, Coach Jon Davis, Head Coach Mark Hoffman

Record

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1. The team energetically runs onto the field after a relaxing half time.
2. Valpo player **Brody Crossin** receives helpful advice from Coach **Jon Davis** for the next play.
3. After receiving the handoff from quarterback **JP Kunze**, **Colin Vinyard** begins scooping out an opening for him to run for more yardage.



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It was an exciting season for the freshman football team that included many ups and downs. With wins against both Lake Central and Chesterton, the team was happy with their season.

Head coach **Jon Davis** noted that his favorite part of the season was "working with the freshmen and seeing them improve".

Improvement was obvious in the DAC tournament when the team won four out of their seven games.



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Vital Players



Front Row (L to R): Sam Bernard, Tad Davis, Jenna Mitchell, Kimberley Jankowski, Emily Nagatz, Alexis Cleveland, Erica Gideon, Gabrielle Cowan, Alyson Thomas, Nikkie Wimberley, Cheyenne Garbow, Maddisen Brennecke, Hannah White, Stephanie Baxter-Viv, Bo Thorgren, John Hofer
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 5th Row: Tyler Hodge, Miguel Mendez, Anthony Castanon, Jacob Stewart, Justin Stams, Max Kealing, Nick Martin, Ryan Wegmanblast, Jack Feltgen, Logan Stewart, Randy Strains, Jarrett Gentry, Trent Bowman, Fox Arnold, Joey Gudzien, Nick Remijan
 6th Row: Steve Massa, JP Kunze, Thomas Gooding, Ian Jones, Max Abraham, Tristan Kollar, Niko Mireles, Austin Garbison, Drew Paul, Brody Crossin, Matt Brennecke, Michael Girman, Evan Bauer, Daniel Gholston, Justin Duty
 Back Row: Coach Chance Ganson, Coach Ben Leske, Coach Jon Davis, Coach Vincent Lewis



"My favorite memory was beating Chesterton for the first time."
 - Drew Paul, 9

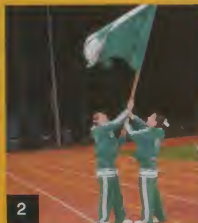


"[My favorite part about being on the team was] having pizza after away games."
 - Adam Foust, 9

Record 4-5



1. The team ends a cheer at the pep rally. Cheerleaders marched in the Homecoming Parade and then finished at the new Porter Health Amphitheater downtown.
2. Sophomore **Alejandra Guzman** and freshman **Ireland McLinn** wave the flag after a Viking touchdown.
3. Senior **Khari Crostreet** gets the crowd cheering at the pep rally.



With the largest cheer squad that they have had in ten years, there was plenty of Viking Spirit to go around according to **Coach Kara Wissing**.

During the football season, the cheer squad supported the team at the games and they sponsored the Homecoming Dance. They also cheered at the Homecoming Pep Rally at the new Porter Health Amphitheater.

In addition, the cheer team marched in the Popcorn and Homecoming parades and cheered at every home and away football game.

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"Every game, at the end of halftime, we have a circle where we huddle up, lean left to right and scream! We all get so excited."

-Caitlyn Gear, 11



"I love knowing that our fans get so pumped when our team wins!"

-Khari Crostreet, 12



"My favorite part of being on the VHS Cheer team is the friendship I build with each girl on the team.

We aren't just a team, we are a family."

-Claire Scherschel, 11



Front Row (L-R): Claire Scherschel, Haley Whipps, Caitlyn Gear

Second Row: Kelly Bledsoe, Allix Smith, Ashley Smith, Mallory Thomas, Rashawnda Gilliam, Devin Roach

Back Row: Coach Kara Wissing, Haley Sorrells, Hanna Wilson, Ireland McLinn, Alejandra Guzman, Isabella Bisone, Emily Keaton, Katelyn Marak, Khari Crostreet

1. Marching in the homecoming parade, the Vikettes listen to the beat of the music.
2. The Vikettes dance at the pep rally the night before the homecoming game.
3. Juniors **Collette Pfladderer** and **Hannah White** pose at the end of the halftime show. The Vikettes performed at every halftime during football games along with the Valparaiso High School Marching Band.



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With a new coach heading the Vikettes, the girls prepared for an eventful year.

"The biggest thing I wanted to bring into the group was a sense of pride to make Vikettes a group that was well respected by the school and the community," said **Coach Molly Phelps** who was a VHS graduate.

The Vikettes performed at the football and basketball games. In addition, they marched in the Homecoming and football games.



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Vital Players



Front Row (L-R): Gabrielle Cowan, Nikkie Wimberley, Alyson Thomas
 Second Row: Kimberly Jankowski, Hannah White, Erica Gideon, Jenna Mitchell, Alexis Cleveland
 Back Row: Cheyenne Garpow, Stephanie Baxter-Ivey, Emily Nagatz, Maddisen Brennecke, Collette Pfladderer



"My favorite part of Vikettes is being able to show my true personality. Vikettes is an amazing experience."

-Nikkie Wimberley, 12



"My favorite part is being able to choreograph routines and being able to just show who I am through dance."

-Alyson Thomas, 12



"My favorite part of being on the VHS Vikettes is being with all the girls. They have such a positive attitude and they made my last year amazing."

-Gabrielle Cowan, 12

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"This season, I've learned that each day is a good day to get better."
-Landon Davidson, 11



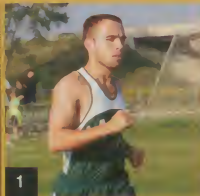
"The cross country season is long, and you have to bring it every day!"
-Dylan Workman, 9



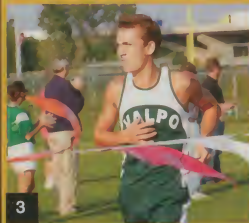
"I love improving as a runner and being in the best shape of my life."
-Jordan Galligan, 11



"It was challenging not being able to compete while I was injured."
-Ahmad Aljohbeh, 12



1. Giving his personal best, junior **John Halfman** strives toward the end.
2. Sophomore **Corey Alfredson** shows his determination in gaining a top finish.
3. Sprinting across the finish line, junior **Patrick Dalton** completes the race.



The boys cross country team, comprised of 42 members, remained undefeated this year with a season record of 14-0. They won the titles of conference, sectional, regional, and semi-state champs. The team also was victorious at the DAC conference and placed seventh at state.

Coach Mike Prow was proud of his team's eagerness to learn. "I loved having the opportunity to coach athletes that wanted to be successful," he said.



Front row (L-R): Jake Southwell, Corey Alfredson, Kevin Mangel, Daniel Westmoreland, Adam Sandberg, Tyler Schwartz, John Halfman, Adam Studebaker, Zachary Schwartz, Connor Devine, Daniel Ranegar, Jerry Perez
Middle row (L-R): Jacob Chapman, Mark Halfman, Peyton Reed, Patrick Dalton, Oscar Palin, George Molina, Murray Banks, Rob Halfman, Andrew Jankowski, Drew Finley, Taylor Bisacchi, Ari Coulopoulos
Back row (L-R): Coach Aaron Crague, Xavier Reed, Landon Davidson, Hunter Coplan, Josh Marciniak, Andrew Kahrs, Ahmad Aljohbeh, Andy Miles, Zach Hardesty, Dylan Workman, Kevin Hickey, Bob Schenck, Connor Ritzi, Coach Mike Prow

RECORD

14-0



1. Members of the team show their perseverance during the cross country race. Their teamwork paid off with an undefeated season.
2. The team huddles up before a meet to listen to their coach's advice.
3. Finishing the home stretch, junior **Taylor Bisacchi** steadily crosses the finish line.
4. Coach **Mike Prow** motivates his runners with a pep talk while they stretch before a race.
5. Keeping pace with their teammates, juniors **Taylor Bisacchi** and **Peyton Reed** concentrate on finishing the race.
6. Junior **Rob Halfman** and freshman **Dylan Workman** work hard to beat the competition.
7. Senior **Murray Banks** heads for the finish line.
8. Steadily approaching the end of the meet, sophomore **Kevin Hickey** demonstrates his endurance.



Vital Players



"I ran for the feeling of happiness that comes from pursuing a destination."

-Hannah Zygmunt, 11



"I've always loved running and I knew cross country was the perfect sport for any runner."

-Tiffany Fortney, 11



"The girls, they were all sisters to me. Running really bonded us."

-Brianna Konrad, 11



"I knew that no matter what happened, my team would have my back and support me, and not just in cross country."

-Tricia Joll, 12



1. Junior **Hannah Zygmunt** and sophomore **Sara Greenawald** display endurance while running the race.
2. The team begins the race with a strong start.
3. Senior **Lauren Bigger** takes a breather while chatting with a teammate.



During the cross country season, the team succeeded in reaching their goals through hard work. "The best things in life weren't supposed to be easy," said junior **Hannah Zygmunt**.

The girls won the DAC, sectionals, regionals, and were the semi-state runner-up. The team placed third in the state competition.

"I loved the competition, going to practice, watching the girls excel and the excitement they felt," said **Coach Karen DeVries**.



Front Row (L to R): Coach Karen DeVries, Tricia Joll, Lauren Bigger, Katelyn DeVries, Coach Adam Nellesen

Second Row: Alaina Martin, Emily Owens, Hannah Zygmunt, Kelly Bigger, Sarah Greenawald, Brianna Konrad, Alyssa Despoy

Back Row: Samaah Al-Najjer, Elizabeth Schlichting, Madison Whitler, Taylor Kovats, Michaela Gazdich, Marilee Tullis, Tiffany Fortney, Alison Mundell, Alexia Perez

RECORD 10-2



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1. Freshman **Taylor Kovats** looks ahead as she begins to approach the finish line.
2. Running as a pack, the girls begin the meet. All the home cross country races were held at Sunset Hill Farm in Valparaiso.
3. Senior **Tricia Joll** makes her way to the finish line.
4. The team displays determination and perseverance during the cross country meet.
5. Halfway through the race, junior **Brianna Konrad** continues to the finish line with determination.
6. Assistant coach **Adam Nellesen** congratulates the girls on the team with a high-five.
7. Passing an opponent, sophomore **Alyssa Despoys** picks up the pace.
8. Making her way through the race, freshman **Alison Mundell** speeds up to finish the meet.



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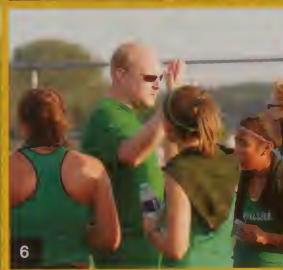
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VARSITY BOY'S TENNIS



1. During his warm-up before the match begins, senior **John Olejniczak** uses his forehand and returns the ball to his partner.

2. Junior **Marty Pochop** hits his own unique shot in the middle of his tennis match.

3. Playing with intensity, junior **Tyler Costas** uses his one-handed backhand to hit the ball to finish off the point against his opponent.

Vital Players



"My favorite match was when we played Penn because both teams played well."

-Tyler Costas, 11



"My favorite part of being on the team were the practices because they were a lot of fun."

-Marty Pochop, 11



Front Row: Domonkos Szabo, Adam Crookston, Eric Cender, Riley Allen

Back Row (L to R): Coach Matt Evans, John Olejniczak, Tyler Costas, Quinn Donnell, Marty Pochop, Ben Kalisch, Coach Tim Shideler

Record

16-3

1. Junior **Patrick Andrie** gets ready to return the ball with a backhand shot.
2. After hitting his serve to the opponent, sophomore **Pall Baggett** follows through using his tennis racquet.
3. Sophomore **Jared Folke** hustles on the court to reach out and retrieve the tennis ball.



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The junior varsity boy's tennis team finished with a winning record of 13-2 in the DAC conference. The team worked hard and had a lot of fun together during the season. A strong accomplishment for them during the season was winning the JV tournament in LaPorte.

"My favorite part of being on the high school team was getting closer to my teammates everyday," said sophomore JV player **Pall Baggett**.



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Vital Players



"Being with the team is probably the best part for me. Also, the ball machine fascinates me."

-Peter Fink, 11



"My favorite moment from the season is when we won the JV tournament in LaPorte."

-Jared Folke, 10

Front Row: Juan Gil, Shirantha Stanislaus, Noah Klumpe, Evan Thorstad, Trevor Mahlmann, Patrick Andrie, Gavin White, Pall Baggett, Peter Williams
Back Row (L to R): Coach Matt Evans, David Miller, Chad Gelin, Benjamin Lawson, Carl Schenck, Ethan Pony, Quinn Sandelski, Peter Fink, Will Weathersby, Jared Folke, Coach Tim Shideler

Record

13-2

VARSITY BOYS SOCCER



1. The varsity team huddles together to get motivated for a game.
2. Running across the field, senior **Trey Sorrells**, sophomore **Nick Hathoot**, senior **Berkley Ramsey**, and senior **John Virgil** show their team spirit.
3. While defending the ball from two Chesterton opponents, senior **Brent Howard** looks for an open pass.



Communication while working together were the two most vital elements of being on the soccer team.

Senior captains for the 2011 season were **Brent Howard**, **Rob McBride**, and **John Virgil**.

"Some accomplishments of the season were coming together after some tough losses and beating Chesterton to win sectionals," said **Virgil**.

The season record was 10-8-1 and the DAC record was 4-3.

Vital Players



"One of the most difficult parts of the season included staying focused during practice and games. We sometimes mess around too much and lose our intensity."

-**Rob McBride**, 12



"What I like about playing soccer is the choices it has given me along with the numerous other opportunities that have arisen thanks to playing at my highest level."

-**Trey Sorrells**, 12



Front row (L to R): Coach Scott Bartlett, Brent Howard, Berkley Ramsey, Quinn Parks, Tommy Billings, Robbie McBride, John Virgil, Jacob Van Schouwen, Luke Kovar, Chase Holford, Trey Sorrells, Coach Danny Jeftich

Back row (L to R): Alex Vasile, Cory Fox, Brendan Sutherland, Nick Hathoot, Ian Ramirez, Andrew Lyp, Isaac Withrow, Yamen Atassi, Caleb Neal

Record 10-8-1

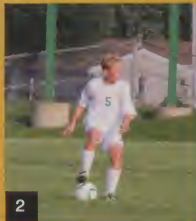
1. Awaiting a pass from sophomore **Steven Gerry**, junior **Jake Kollasch** takes the lead.
2. Stopping the ball, sophomore **Chandler Nielsen** looks for open teammates to complete a pass.
3. Sophomore **Bennett Van Schouwen** dribbles the ball away from the other team.



"Some highlights of the season were beating Crown Point 4-0, and traveling all the way to Canterbury for a tourney," said junior captain **Jake Kollasch**.

Captains for the season also included junior **Sam Neal**, and junior **John Christodoulakis**.

"I loved playing with my team who loved the game and all the fun and joking throughout the season," said freshman **Jacob Wallace**.



Vital Vikings



"My goals were to be a great captain, get better at the game, and make new friends along the way."

-**Jake Kollasch, 11**



"Some highlights of the season were saving a penalty kick against Crown Point and beating Crown Point with a shutout everytime."

-**Andrew Fletcher, 10**

Front row (L to R): Chandler Nielson, Michael Deedrick, Conor Cox, Jose Apolo, Sam Douglas, Billy Yogan, Andrew Fletcher, Steven Fisher, Kyle Sissel, Jacob Wallace, Riley Owens

Back row (L to R): Coach Ted Cuson, Alex Horb, Erik Schwedland, Steven Gerry, Joseph Bigson, Bennett Van Schouwen, Steven Fisher, Thomas Walsh, Peter Stark, Dan Roth, Jake Kollasch, Jarod Bradley, Sam Neill, Nick Pontrelli

Not pictured: John Christodoulakis and Ethan Gniadek

Record

12-3-1

VARSITY GIRL'S SOCCER



1. After scoring a goal, junior **Mallory Held** and junior **Kaylee Pullins** high-five each other.
2. Dribbling the ball down the field, junior **Elyse Horb** looks for open teammates.
3. After scoring a goal, junior **Andrea Violanti** and senior **Kate Johnson** congratulate each other and teammates.



Varsity girl's soccer had a very successful season. They were 6-1 in the DAC Conference and sectional champs. The overall season record was 12-3.

"The highlights of this season were revindicating last year's game against Crown Point, and beating Lake Central for the second year in a row. But, our greatest highlight was being a Duneland Conference Champion team!" said **coach Robert Cespedes**.

Senior **Kate Johnson** and junior **Kathryn Schoer** were the captains.

"The season went really well. The girls enjoyed the camaraderie as well as the competition which was reflected in the success of the season," said **Cespedes**.

Vital Players



"I love that it is so international and a lot of people love the sport as much as I do."

-**Macaira O'Connell, 12**



"The most challenging part of the season was getting moved up to varsity and learning to play a new position."

-**Grace Withrow, 9**



Front row (From L to R): Savannah Hampton, Mallory Held, Jenelle Klumpe, Zoe Patterson, Kaylee Pullins, Gabriel Hinding, Andrea Violanti

Back row (From L to R): Coach Stewart Cherry, Elyse Horb, Kathryn Schoer, Sara Ozgur, Kate Johnson, Emma Kurt, Mary Gooding, Sara Tumbas, Macaira O'Connell, Jana Banschbach, Regan Weber, Coach Robert Cespedes

Record 12-3

1. Running past the opponent, freshman **Becca Riley** dribbles the ball.
2. Dribbling away from the other team, sophomore **Gigi Jarratt** sprints down the field.
3. With an open opportunity to score, freshman **Grace Withrow** runs up to strike the ball.



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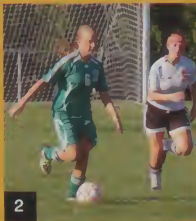


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Captains sophomore **Lauren Reineke** and sophomore **Gigi Jarratt** led the junior varsity team to a successful season.

"We had a winning record. We really grew as a team. We had forty-one goals scored for us and 6 scored against us," said **Reineke**.

"As the season progressed I believed we gained fantastic friendships and great memories were made, between the pasta parties and practices to games we were always enjoying each other's company," said freshman **Ashley Thomas**.



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Vital Players



Front row (From L to R): Gigi Jarratt, Shawn Brown, Lauren Boyes, Kelly Lyp, Grace Withrow, Cameron Holford, Emma Ferguson

Back row (From L to R): Coach Stewart Cherry, Lauren Reineke, Ashley Thomas, Katelyn Ayers, Kristina Veljovic, Rebecca Riley, Amy Martin, Aleska Reed, Coach Robert Cspedes



"I like everything about playing soccer. I like the thrill of winning and scoring a goal. And I like being with the team."

-Gigi Jarratt, 10



"Summer conditioning was challenging but people always encouraged you to finish."

-Kelly Lyp, 9

Record

8-2-4

Vital Players



"I enjoyed golf this year because all the upperclassmen were so accepting of all the freshmen."
-Brooke Lyons, 9



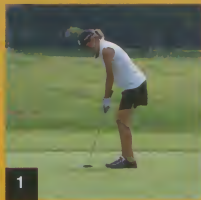
"My favorite part of being on the team was probably our crazy bus rides to and from matches."
-Harley Dubsy, 10



"My best accomplishment this year was my last round, when I had 6's pars. In that round, I was about half an inch from getting a birdie."
-Mary Rooker, 11



"I enjoyed golf because of the sense of accomplishment it gave me. I also enjoyed hanging out with all my golf friends."
-Sarah Simon, 11



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1. Focusing on the ball, freshman **Madison Macke** prepares to putt.
2. Senior **Ellie Gorski** moves on to the next hole for the next drive.
3. After putting, freshman **Brooke Fullenkamp** watches to see if her ball enters the hole.



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With a stroke above the rest, both the varsity and junior varsity girl's golf team excelled during the season. Finishing with a 6-1 record in conference, their greatest accomplishment was finishing second in sectionals and third at regionals.

"I found that this year's team, although young, was extremely hard-working," said coach **Bill Miller**. "I have never had a team that has practiced and dedicated themselves like this year's team."



Front Row(L to R): Nicole Chiabai, Peyton Freestone, Brooke Lyons, Lauren Caputo, Makenzie D'Elia, Mary Rooker

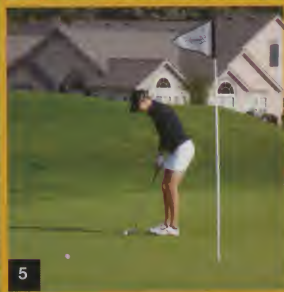
Back Row: Coach Bill Miller, Natalia Schwedland, Emilee Wilson, Madison Macke, Ellie Gorski, Jennifer Gough, Harley Dubsy, Brooke Fullenkamp, Coach Melissa Stoltzfus

RECORD

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1. Senior **Ellie Gorski** and freshman **Madison Macke** discuss their scorecards.
2. After the rounds, sophomore **Harley Dubsy**, freshman **Jennifer Gough**, senior **Ellie Gorski**, and freshman **Brooke Fullencamp** rest on the golf cart.
3. Freshman **Madison Macke** looks to see where her ball traveled after her swing.
4. The golf team, along with Coach Miller and Coach Stoltzfus, poses after receiving their awards for the tournament.
5. Concentrating on the hole, freshman **Brooke Fullencamp** prepares to putt the golf ball.
6. Following the sports banquet, the golfers receive their varsity letters. Three freshmen lettered for the first time.
7. Freshman **Brooke Fullencamp** places her ball on the green before putting.
8. Senior **Ellie Gorski** prepares to drive the ball down the course. "I loved being a part of such a small team because we were all able to become really close friends and got to know each other really well," said **Gorski**.



Vital Players



"My favorite part about playing is when I get a good net, block, pass, or serve."

-Kate Bontrager, 9



"My favorite memory is definitely beating LaPorte on their home court."

- Brigid Scannell, 12



"My favorite part of playing is when our team runs a nice play. Everyone gets excited and you can feel the positive atmosphere."

- Carrie Clark, 12



"My favorite part of volleyball is playing with my twin..."

-Sara Clark, 12



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1. Freshman **Kate Bontrager** and junior **Kelsie Schutz** guard the net.
2. Junior **Tarrah Lasky** sets up the ball.
3. The team huddles during a time out.



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The varsity volleyball team had a victorious season. All the girls worked hard and were excited to beat LaPorte at the Dig Pink Tourney which was a tournament held to benefit breast cancer awareness.

"I'm pretty sure everyone was crying from how excited we were," said player **Carrie Clark**.

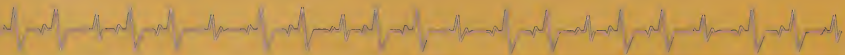
"Other major goals for the year were to win sectionals and DAC, which we did," said **Coach Katie Lenard**. She described the season as being amazing. Valpo dominated the DAC, won sectionals, and ranked in the state polls.



Front Row (L to R) Kate Bontrager, Kelsie Schutz, Alyssa Jones, Kate Workman, Mary Bobos, Brigid Scannell
Back Row (L to R) Coach Heather Treece, Madison Olsen, Sara Clark, Carrie Clark, Tarrah Lasky, Coach Katie Lenard

RECORD

34-5



1. During a time out, team members perform a cheer.
2. Senior **Kate Workman** sets the ball up for a play at the net.
3. Senior **Brigid Scannell** guards the net against a spike.
4. The ball is saved by seniors **Sara Clark** and **Kate Workman**.
5. Senior **Brigid Scannell** prepares to spike the ball.
6. A save is made by junior **Alyssa Jones**.
7. Junior **Kelsie Schutz** talks to coach **Katie Lenard** about a previous play.
8. Senior **Sara Clark** spikes the ball during a game. "Everyone always had to be ready to play," said Clark. She described the games as being exciting and intense.





DGS



1. The team huddles before a match.
2. Sophomore **Mattie Chayhitz** sets the ball to her teammate sophomore **Sabrina Brown**.
3. Sophomore **Carly Greubel** digs the ball while teammate **Cassie Klavas** is ready for the next play.



Hard work and dedication made the junior varsity team successful. The team ran many lines during practice to condition for the hard work of the season. In addition, the team enjoyed pasta parties the day before each game.

"My favorite thing about being a coach was watching the players improve," said **Coach Allie Goodpaster**. Ending with an overall record of 25-8 and a DAC record of 9-5, the team's hard work paid off.

Vital Players



"My favorite thing about volleyball is the awesome feeling I get when I make a block or an awesome kill."

-Timi Stiscak, 9



"I love the connection the team has with each other. Through all the tough practices and close games, I know we can all count on each other for support."

-Kathy Minko, 10



Front Row L-R: Kelli Keough, Cassie Klavas, Anna Walls, Maddie DeVries, Carly Greubel, Mattie Chayhitz.
Back Row L-R: Kathy Minko, Maddie Arnold, Timi Stiscak, Morgan Mikenas, Sabrina Brown, Coach Allie Goodpaster

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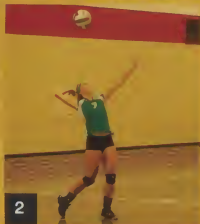
1. Freshman Cassidy Robinson watches as teammate McKenzie Brown passes the ball.
2. Tina Matavulj prepares to serve the ball.
3. Coach Michelle Salomon congratulates player Katie Mulroe after a play.



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The freshman volleyball team proved to be successful by winning the freshman tournament. They went undefeated in the second round of the DAC matches, beating LaPorte, Crown Point, and Lake Central.

"My favorite thing about being a coach was working with the girls, helping them develop as individual players and as an entire team," said Coach Michelle Salomon.



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Vital Vikings



Front Row L-R: Emmy Chojecki, Cassidy Robinson, Julia Dalton, Gabby Brown, McKenzie Brown.
Back Row L-R: Liz Rivich, Katie Mulroe, Lauren Biesen, Tina Matavulj, Meredith Hite, Coach Michelle Salomon



"My favorite part of the season was beating Crown Point and Lake Central in the second round of conference."

-Emmy Chojecki, 9



"My favorite thing about volleyball was being competitive, being part of a team, and getting to have fun doing what you love."

-Katie Mulroe, 9

Record 21-8

VARSITY SINGERS

Every year, the Varsity Singers worked hard to perform songs ranging from "21 Guns" by Green Day, to "Waka Waka" by Shakira. Through countless practices and performances, the Varsity Singers continued to showcase their talents.

"My favorite part of Varsity Singers was going Christmas caroling to each of the elementary schools the day before Christmas break. It put the kids, teachers, and even us into the Christmas spirit," said junior **Jessalyn Ayers**.



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1. Junior **John Kotynski** sings a solo during the song "21 Guns."

2. Varsity Singers perform on the VHS stage at the fall fantasia concert.

3. Seniors **Mitchel Pynakker** and **Katelyn Marak** along with **Elise Riddell** showcase their dancing skills.

4. A duet to the song "Serious" is performed by senior **Michael Ohm** and senior **Katelyn Marak**.

5. Junior **Brianna Konrad** performs to the song "A lot of Living."

Front (L to R): Elise Riddell, Jessalyn Ayers, Taylor Post
Kneeling/Sitting (L to R): Andy Vecchi, Brianna Konrad, Mitchel Pynakker, Kevin Maynard, Mindi Reach, Zachary Moustis, Sabrina Pierotti, Dan Azar
Standing on floor: (L to R): Tess Galbiati, Savannah Hampton
Bottom Row of Risers: (L to R): John Kotynski, Katie Lawrence, Sara Klingseisen, James Molden, Mitch Paxton, Victoria Perez, Katelyn Marak, Michael Ohm
Back Row: (L to R) Rachel Mathews, Nathaniel Bouman, Stephanie Bongard, Gareth Kaye, Maxfield Reinhardt, Zache Smith, Jessica Rodriguez, Cole Fraire



FALL FANTASIA



1.

Fall Fantasia was the autumn show that highlighted the talents from different choirs at Valparaiso High School. The choirs included: concert choir, men's chorus, women's chorus, mixed chorus, and varsity singers. The concert displayed a variety of songs, dances, and talents.

"*Fall Fantasia* was a really cool show. It was nice to have an event where all the choirs could show the songs they were working on," said junior **John Kotynski**.



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1. Senior **Rachel Mathews** and juniors **Kevin Maynard** and **Elise Riddell** perform a skit from *Little Red Riding Hood*.
2. Members of women's chorus and mixed choir sing the finale together.
3. The men's chorus sing as Mrs. Linda Schonbachler directs.
4. **Mattilyn Sims** and **Conner Tippins** get ready for the *Fall Fantasia* performance.
5. The role of Grandma in *Little Red Riding Hood* is played by junior **Maxfield Reinhardt**.



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1. Before the show, junior **Amanda Smaga**, and freshman **Holly Thompson** get ready to perform.
2. Sophomore **Daniel Azar** reads from the script of *Little Red Riding Hood* which involved an interactive song and story for kids to enjoy.
3. Members of women's chorus perform the song "Aleluya."

CONCERT CHOIR

Out of all the choirs available to VHS students, Concert Choir had the most skilled singers. Each year, auditions were held to enter the choir and only a select number made the cut.

"I was pleased to work with students that had such talented vocal skills and the desire to achieve excellence," said director **Linda Schonbachler**.

Concert Choir participated in the ISSMA solo-ensemble district and state contests as well as the fall and spring concerts and Baccalaureate.



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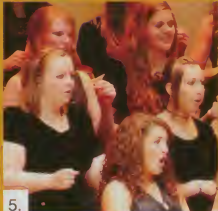
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1. The soprano section looks to director **Linda Schonbachler** for their cue.

2. Director **Linda Schonbachler** directs the choir in a complicated piece during the fall fantasia concert.

3. Members of concert choir perform the Balkan favorite *Niska Banja*.

4. "When you perform music with others, you develop a strong bond with them and get to know them better," sophomore **Dan Azar** said.

5. Members of the alto section **Rachel Keller** and **Brianne Konrad** sing with feeling.

Seated (left to right): Max Reinhart, Sara Klingenstein, John Kohnstall, Michael Orr, Kathleen Lawrence, Michael Pynkster, Elise Raddick, and Taylor Paul

First Row (L to R): Carol Hosen, Brianna Konrad, Sabrina Pierotti, Alex Tiparicak, Savannah Hampton, Cole Fritze, Don Azar, Megan Morgan, Eleni Katakas, Katelyn Marick, Claudia Alley

Second Row (L to R): Rachel Keller, Michael Wheat, Ryan Mewly, Mallory Held, Nicholas Richter, Andrew Neerath, Mitch Probert, Don Duvvett, Mindi Beach, Tessa Gabbott, Jona Bonachbach, Nicole Blankenship

Third Row (L to R): Jella Ratz, Jessica Ayers, Mollyn Sims, Heather Sorenson, Jamarie Madden, Zach Mack, Spencer Vanderbolk, Carmel Bares, Jeffrey Baroff, Franciska Puppilo, Michelle Glemm, Sarah Benson, Heidi Johnson

Back Row (L to R): Victoria Pavez, Jessica Klingenstein, Louise Blumhauer, Rachel Muthers, Ryan Lopp, Mollie Blaschke, Zach Smith, Bethany Baurman, Goshal Kaysi, Kevin Mountain, Zach Mousille, Corinne Toppin, Mercedes Funk, Stephanie Bantgard, Amanda Plesatz, Giesse Brown, Katie Brown



Mixed Chorus



1.

The Mixed Chorus was home to many aspiring young vocalists. During ninth hour, the students learned the basic choral skills.

"We learned to improve our singing skills, such as our diction, volume, and even our posture. We also learned piano skills and the different notes on a staff," Mixed Chorus member sophomore **Jonah Jaramillo** said.

During the course of the year, the choir learned to sing in different languages and performed at fall fantasia, This Is Our Story, and ISSMA contest.



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1. "My favorite part (about Mixed Choir) is when we have been practicing so hard, and we hear how good we sound," said freshman **Rebecca Graykowski**.

2. **Andrew Flasch** plays the tambourine during a musical piece.

3. **Linda Schonbachler** directs the chorus during fall fantasia.

4. The altos sing harmoniously along with the rest of the choir.

5. Assisted by members of the men's chorus, the tenors and baritones sing in harmony.



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Front Row (left to right):
Amanda Smaga, Dlametha Magee, Tracey Lapka, Marianna Garcia-Alvarez, Becky Grakowski, Jonah Jaramillo, Breanna Edquist, Kristin Geik, Riley Gaines, Rachel Costet

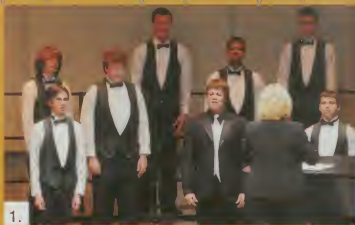
Second Row (l to r): Mrs. Shephard, Marisa Nigrelli-German, Holly Thompson, Fox Arnold, Alex Peterschmidt, Emily Ahrendt, Ariana Kurowski, Mrs. Linda Schonbachler

Back Row (l to r): Mrs. Foster, Hailee Atkins, Becca Lackey, Livy Crim, Alyssa Schrimmel, Emily Jones

MEN'S CHORUS

Men's Chorus provided a singing outlet for students interested in choral activities. The boys worked diligently throughout the year and invested a lot of dedication to their music. The male singers participated in the Indiana State School Music Association competition as well as the fall and spring concerts.

"My favorite parts about being in choir were the people and the songs that we sang. Every year was something different," said junior **Austin Sasse**.



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1. Chorus members take a cue from their director **Mrs. Linda Schonbachler**. "Mrs. S was my all time favorite teacher. She helped me with so many things and taught me a lot about music," said sophomore **Cole Fraire**.
2. The men's chorus performs their opening song at Fall Fantasia.
3. **Andy Vecchi** and **Cole Fraire** perform a special number during the concert.
4. **Mrs. Jeanne Foster** accompanies men's chorus on the piano.
5. **Mrs. Linda Schonbachler** directs members of men's chorus.

Back Row (Left to Right)-
Chris Keller, Micah Nord,
Randy Strains, Sam
Woodworth, Justin Johnson
Third Row (Left to Right)-
Mrs. Jeanne Foster,
Brandon McFadden, Cory
Gardner, Andrew Flasch
Second Row (Left to Right)-
Travis Fry, Tim McLean, Mrs.
Linda Schonbachler
Seated (Left to Right)-
Cole Fraire, Nick Schiller, Andy
Vecchi, Aidan Kaiser, Austin
Sasse



WOMENS CHORUS



1.

Women's Chorus was an intermediate level class that provided female students with vocal instruction. Auditions were necessary for the class and only the talented students were accepted. The girls worked very hard to perform at various concerts during the year in addition to the ISSMA competition.

"I've stayed in choir for so long because I enjoyed singing and because it helped me relax in stressful situations," said senior **Kelsey Lloyd**.



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1. The girls smile before taking a cue from their director.

2. Chorus members concentrate on a selection

3. The women's chorus sings their opening song at their fall concert

4. **Kelsey Lloyd**, **Carli Meihof**, and **Caitlyn D'Ella**, sing a selection at the fall concert.

"My favorite part about choir was the feeling you received when singing," said **D'Ella**.

5. As they sing their final selection, the choir members look to the audience.



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Back Row (Left to Right): Sarah Belscher, Taylor Briel, Ally Shelton, Renee Romanowski, Carly Dekock, Emilee Wilson, Katelyn Wright, Precious Conrad, Emily Walsh
Third Row - Mrs. Foster, Storm Stevenson, Carli Meihof, Domo Wilson, Erin Brown, Lindsey DeBoer, Ashley Thomas, Kim Czerwinski, Mackenzie Kickbush, Julia Couch
Second Row - Deanna Wasson, Marie Warren, Katie Ploetz, Kayla Higgins, Claire Simon, Lena Barajas, Stephanie Bahr, Kylie Staples, Davie McCorkel, Nikki Blankenship
First Row - Rebecca Roe, Kim Jankowski, Ester Perez, Sarah Thornton, Kathryn Bower, Kate Scott, Able Mwaura, Ashley Baker, Maddie Blaney, Margaret Nagal, Caitlyn D'Ella, Makenna Felch, Courtney Woods, Kelsey Lloyd, Caiallgh Klemz, Haley Klemz

CONCERT BAND

Meeting everyday during tenth hour, the concert band worked hard on perfecting their music. During the year, the concert band, which consisted of only freshmen, participated in *This Is Our Story*, ISSMA, and several concerts. Membership in the marching band was mandatory and the students were also given the opportunity to join the pep band.

"What I enjoyed most about band were the people I met and the music we played," said freshman **Ally Runnion**.



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1. Members of the baritone section, freshmen **Clinton Welton** and **Zach Timmons**, focus on their music
2. The flute section plays the song "March for Band." Freshman **Taylor Kovats** sits at the end of the section during the rehearsal.
3. Having fun during class, freshmen **Morgan Mikenas** and **Meredith Hite** play their clarinets.
4. Freshman **Anna Jones** sits attentively as she plays the bassoon.
5. During rehearsal, freshman **Zach Kroll** concentrates while playing the tuba.

Row 1 (L-R): Kaitlyn Ayers, Emma Misarek, Selena Martinez, Kathryn Beggar, Haley McIlhenny, Katharine Bragan, Anna Davis, Taylor Kovats.

Row 2 (L-R): Morgan Mikenas, Meredith Hite, Madeline Buts, Mallory Thomas, Ryan Reynolds, Val Johnson, Marie Waring, Elvin Uthuppan, Michael Gorman, Terrence Smith, Anna Jones.

Row 3 (L-R): Audrey Haley, Sarah LaBarbera, Kelly Bigger, Alan Pettes, Camden Davison, Kai Piazza, Sam Douglas, Matthew May, Ally Runnion, Steven Fisher, Brendon Tanner, Joel Urban, Logan Stewart, Ethan Frame, Stephen Thorne, Mary Cobble, Billy Yogan.

Row 4 (L-R): Archibald, Alex Rastorick, Maddie Blaney, David McLean, Jacqueline Keenan, William Allen, Nathan Leinich, Grayson Woods, Joseph Warner, Brian Gonzalez, Matt Bullock, Nathan Caudeney, Brian Gallowitch, Ankur Dhoof, Zach Timmons, Clinton Welton, Matt Brennecke, Megan Owens, Zach Kroll.

Back Row (L-R): Mr. Miguel Rosario-Vega, Lorand Calumpang, Alex Beke, Anthony Nelson, Nathan Bongard, Mr. Daniel Pritchett.



MARCHING BAND



1.

Performing many different songs during the football season the VHS band was led by drum majors seniors **Halley Staples** and **A.J. Goelz**, junior **Tyler Wahl**, and sophomore **Josh Abatie**. Their halftime shows included the songs "I Want to Hold Your Hand" by the Beatles and "I Like It" by Enrique Iglesias. In addition, the band performed their songs along with the Vikettes. To live one of their shows, the band danced to "Mambolero". The marching band also performed at the homecoming pep rally in downtown Valpo.



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1. Seniors **Shriyani Tysen**, **Clarisse Fletcher**, and **Hannah Albers** stand at the front of the clarinet section during the pep rally.
2. The flute section sings to the song "Hey Baby" during a game.
3. Head drum major senior **Halley Staples** conducts the band during the pep rally.
4. Sophomore **Josh Abatie** prepares to conduct a song at a football game.
5. The flute section looks at their music intently while playing the song "Cowboys" at the pep rally.



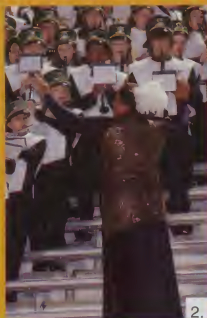
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1. Junior **Joey Kutkaski** looks to a drum major while playing percussion at a game.
2. Head drum major senior **Halley Staples** leads the band in the school song after the football team scores a touchdown. "I enjoyed wearing the shiny outfits and meeting people that I never would've met without the marching band," said **Staples**.
3. Junior **Heather Scott** leads the clarinet section during the pep rally.

"A" BAND

"A" band worked hard throughout the year to perfect their challenging music. They performed at the marching, winter, spring, and ISSMA concerts. In addition, the band performed Christmas music at the "This is Our Story" concert.

"A" Band represented VHS at the state finals competition held at Lawrence Central High School. The band's program for contest consisted of Fuse, Danzon No. 2 and March. After a riveting performance the band received 7th place out of the 16 competing bands.

The band was also represented at the 2012 All-State Band. There were 6 members in the honor band and 2 members in the regular band. There were also three students chosen as alternates to the All-State Band.



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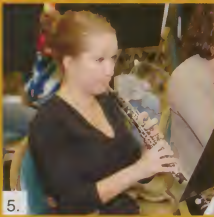
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1. Concentrating as she plays the flute, senior **Taylor Brychell** enjoys her time during 4/5th hour.
2. Seniors **Hannah Albers**, **Alli Matisko**, and **Darren Goss**, members of the clarinet section, play the song "Candide". They later performed "Candide" at the "A" band's winter concert.
3. Junior **Zach Schwartz**, senior **Matt Bull**, junior **Richie Wilkerson**, and junior **Austin Pittman** represent the trumpet section in the "A" band.
4. Senior band president **Halley Staples** and vice president **Patrick Guziewicz** proudly receive the "A" Band's state finalist plaque.
5. Holding her oboe, senior **Brianna Lisak** looks towards the conductor, Mr. Dan Pritchett.

Row 1 (L-R): Hannah Zygmunt, Neha Sehgal, Gabriella Cowan, Abby Timmons, Edn Dowland, Tori Peitshain.

Row 2 (L-R): Heather Scott, Claire Fletcher, Hannah Albers, Tim Standford, Samantha Horn, Halley Staples, Gerald Chapman, Mark Hoffman, Hayley Williams, Matt Traut, Taylor Woods, Isaac Dunn.

Row 3 (L-R): Shilyani Tyssen, Undrey Davis, Caitlyn Tanner, Brianna Lisak, Emily Roth, Alex Antkowiak, Kevin Shaw, Liz Shuster, Molly Grant, Daniel Korn, Lauren Lafferty, John Miller, Jerry Barker, Fred Amelkard, Megan Shively, Tyler Schwartz, John Hoffman, Lyndsey Herold, Alex Kessler.

Row 4 (L-R): Emily Scarsella, Alli Matisko, Darren Goss, Claire Reed, Zach Mack, Zach Schwartz, Matt Bull, Richie Wilkerson, Tyler Wahl, Ana Kern, Austin Pittman, Kaleb Hagen, Elizabeth Ular, Sam Johnson, Patrick Guziewicz, Peter Fink, Matthew Mues, Luke Davis, Jessica Lewis, Andy Kohr, Adam Jones, A.J. Goss.

Back Row (L-R): Mr. Miguel Rosales-Vega, Laura Guska, Joseph Kuleski, Daniel Courteney, Scott Rugehouse, Michael Dalton, Brandon McFadden, Tony Monica, Mr. Daniel Pritchett.



"B" BAND



1.

The "B" Band kept busy all year working hard on their music for their many concerts. "B" Band performed at the winter concert, marching concert, and spring concert. They also performed patriotic music at the Veteran's Day banquet at Strongbow restaurant.

"B" Band's biggest performance was at Chesterton High School for the ISSMA state qualifications.

"I loved all the people in the band and how we interacted. I also enjoyed how much we improved," said sophomore Madison Martin.



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1. Sophomore **Melissa Molina** sits up straight as the clarinet section plays a song.

2. Conductor Mr. Miguel Rosario leads the band as they play the song "Jubilant Festival."

3. Sophomores **Madison Martin**, **Aurora Bonner**, and **Theano Christos** concentrate on their music.

4. Sophomore **Keudal Holsinger** and junior **Marlene Viloria** play the saxophone.

5. Playing the tuba, sophomore **Andrew Antonetti** concentrates on his music.



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Row 1 (l-r): Madison Martin, Aurora Bonner, Theano Christos, Brianna Clayton, Amanda Cruz, Jackie Peterschmidt.

Row 2 (l-r): Hannah Rodik, Elen Gottlieb, Tim Blue, Audrey Porter, Aubrey Baker, Rachel Willing, Morgan Green, Ricardo Rosario, Daniel Aluz, Hayden Rodigan, Brionna Starikis, Steven Pynn, Esther Hornsby.

Row 3 (l-r): Zach Hardisty, Wesley Umbower, Kelsey Brewer, Natalie Bisco, Kari Kieselich, Eric Medley, Kyle Balmor, David Folie, Josh Aballe, Jacob Weimer, Keudal Holsinger, Marlene Viloria, Andrew Wolffs, A.J. Goetz, Matt Howell, Zach Burton.

Row 4 (l-r): Melissa Molina, Judah Nichols, Abigail Baubokse, Kevin Young, Jacob Chapman, Christopher Plank, Mitch DeVries, Rebecca Wolf, Kelly Adams, Peter Williams, Evan Schlotman, Zachary Smith, Ben Lawson, Emma Porter, Jeremy Kozlowski, Andrew Antonetti.

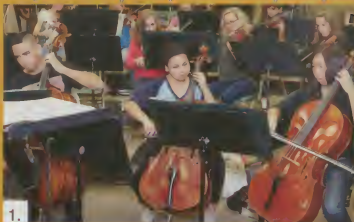
Back Row (l-r): Mr. Miguel E. Rosario-Veiga, Jessa Turner, Dorian Marston, Morgan Czyszewski, Sam Baker, Eli Martin-Eberhardt, Mr. Daniel B. Pritchett.

CONCERT ORCHESTRA

"I loved my job because it allowed me to play everyday," said orchestra conductor **Mr. Tim Kopf**.

Kopf explained that he was extremely proud of his concert orchestra. The orchestra students dedicated the entire year to prepare for events such as the solo ensemble contest along with *This is Our Story* and *Indiana State School Music Association Competition*.

"My favorite part of being in orchestra was being able to do something that I loved and sharing it with other people," said freshman cellist **Rhona Gilliam**.



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5.

1. Studying their music, senior **Christian Daniels-Porter**, freshman **Rhona Gilliam**, and sophomore **Shannon Dancho** play their cellos.
2. Freshmen **Sofia Grimsdard** and **Lindsey DeBoer** strum their cellos along with the class as they practice a piece for the fall performance.
3. Students perform a piece together at their fall concert which was held October 10.
4. Sophomores **Diamond Bryant** and **Alaina Martin** glide their bows against the violins.
5. Playing their violins, freshmen **Timi Stiscak** and **Meghan Gallagher** concentrate intently during class.

Row 1 (L to R)- Aldina Martin, Clarissa LeBron, Diamond Bryant, Nicole Koehn, Paige Smith, Shawn Brown, Shannon Dancho
Row 2 (L to R)- Samantha Gabriels, Charity Munroe, Anna Belcher, Meghan Gallagher, Uz Schlichting, Erin Thomas, Timmi Stiscak, Jasmine Shughruey, Patrick Azar, Dan Barajas, Christian Daniels, Katie Munroe, Sophia Grimsdard
Row 3 (L to R)- Princess Daniels, Lucy Jiang, Renee Romanowski, Dominique DePippo, Tina Kalafatis, Jason Wright, Ben Rosler, Micah Nord, Ella Simon, Sarah Thornton, Caroline Shaw, Emily Morris, Stephanie Prahlow, Allison Poole, Gabe Brewer, Rhona Gilliam, Kim Claussen, Lindsey DeBoer
Row 4 (L to R)- Ms. Andrea Luth, Mr. Tim Kopf, Kyle Vittetoe



CHAMBER ORCHESTRA



1.

The chamber orchestra was composed of mostly upperclassmen. The orchestra was highly respected and was very challenging to get into. The group of students worked diligently to give their all to every performance. To these students, orchestra was not just a class, it was a major part of their lives.

"Orchestra has always been kind of a comfort zone for me. It was where my friends were. We were all a part of a family," said junior **Mindi Reach**.



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1. Smiling, junior **Mindi Reach** and senior **Tricia Joll** perform during the fall concert.

2. Sophomores **Jessica Rodriguez** and **Anna Price** read their music as they practice in class.

3. Performing, senior **Morgan Anderson**, junior **Soren Bjornstad**, and junior **Tess Galbiati** take a cue from their conductor **Mr. Tim Kopf**.

4. Senior **Amber Timmerman** concentrates on following the music as she performs with her violin.

5. Together, seniors **Andrew Steingass** and **Tyler Scott** practice for a piece that was in the fall concert.



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Row 1 (L to R)- Morgan Anderson, Amber Timmerman, Alex Crouch, Stephanie Bongard, Grace Mittlestadt, Eleanor Jones, Marty Meyer

Row 2 (L to R)- Anna Price, Katya Foster, Natalie Wising, Hannah Shingler, Tyler Scott, Andy Steingass, Mindy Reach, Trisha Joll, Sonya Schaefer, Jessica Graykowski, Molly Kusnitz, Erica Hauter

Row 3 (L to R)- Tess Galbiati, Kaitlyn Walker, Gabby Vinyard, Jessica Rodriguez, Claire Scherschel, Rachewinda Gilliam, Michelle Kateriski, Mary Gooding, Vasil Bakas, Soren Bjornstad, Quintin McFadden, Mary Rooker, Jacob Anderson, Matti Sims, Kathleen Prahlow, Kaitlyn Bragg, Jordan Folke, Olivia Lawson

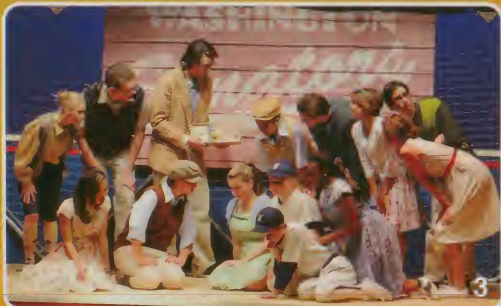
Row 4 (L to R)- Gabby Ratliff, Claire Thoma, Ms. Andrea Luther, Mr. Tim Kopf, Danny Boyes

FALL MUSICAL

Rehearsals for *Damn Yankees* began near the end of September, and after 107 hours of practice, the actors performed on Friday, November 18, Saturday, November 19, and Sunday, November 20 in the high school auditorium.

The musical, set in 1957 Washington D.C., had the character Joe Boyd as a middle-aged baseball fan desperate for a big win. One night, a mysterious man named Applegate, offered him a deal. Boyd could be a famous, young baseball player if he sold Applegate his soul. Boyd agreed, but only after negotiating an escape clause. After a run in with a temptress, a press scandal, and a bad case of homesickness, Boyd realized that he would rather be at home with his wife, Meg, and he decided to take advantage of the escape clause.

"From rehearsals to just spending time together, you established lasting relationships and it was all while doing something you loved!" said senior **Katie Marak** (Lola).



1. Before singing "The Star Spangled Banner", freshman **Carli Meihofer** and **Maddie Blaney** welcome the audience to the show.

2. Junior **John Kotynski** (Coach Van Buren) gives senior **Zachary Moustis** (Rocky) some advice.

3. A group of fans listens to the big game outside of the baseball field.

4. Senior **Tory Krus** (Meg) opens the show with the song "Six Months Out of Every Year."

5. Senior **Michael Ohm** (Applegate) invites junior **Tess Galbiati** (Gloria), the tough reporter, to sit with him in the stands as Joe tries out for the team.



1. Senior **Erin Evers** (Sister) and sophomore **Rachel Keller** (Doris) are excited to meet the rookie baseball player, **Joe Hardy**, played by senior **Mitchel Pynakker**. They met him when he came to rent a room at their friend's house.

2. Senior **Russell Stewart** (Sohovik) helps junior **Kevin Maynard** (Smokey) finish his crossword puzzle.

3. While singing "A Little Brains, A Little Talent", senior **Katelyn Marak** (Lola) gives the crowd a smile.

4. Joe Hardy sings "A Man Doesn't Know", expressing how much he misses his wife.

5. Senior **Michael Ohm** (Applegate) and Lola dance to "Two Lost Souls" after entering into "limbo".



1. Senior **Erin Evers** (Sister) and sophomore **Rachel Keller** (Doris) ask junior **Max Reinhardt** (Mr. Welch) for his autograph.

2. The cast takes their final bows at the end of the show.

3. Junior **Kevin Maynard** (Smokey), senior **Zachary Moustis** (Rocky), and sophomore **Zache Smith** (Vernon) sing "Heart".

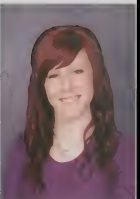
4. In the Commissioner's office, junior **Tess Galbiati** (Gloria) voices her doubts about Joe Hardy.

5. Seniors **Michael Ohm** (Applegate), **Mitchel Pynakker** (Joe), **Tory Krus** (Meg), and **Katelyn Marak** (Lola) perform the final scene when Joe returns home and breaks his deal with Applegate.

6. While talking about off-season jobs, junior **Russell Stewart** (Sohovik) informs teammate junior **Tyler Smaga** that he should buy insurance.

SENIORS

Alexander Abney
Saad Aftab
Hannah Albers
Ahmad Aljobeh
Chelsie Allen



Olivia Allen
Dana Alnahass
Jacob Anderson
Morgan Anderson
Alexandria Antonetti



John Armstrong
Brittany Arrigo
Nadine Attallah
Hayley Ault
Elizabeth Baggett



Murray Banks
Gerald Barker
Ashley Barratt
Alyssa Bassett
John Bednar



Christopher Bellavia
Katherine Berning
Logan Bertalan
Lauren Bigger
Rylee Bixenman





Brooke Blankenship
Drew Boetel
Stephanie Bongard
Peyton Bonnell
Andrew Bottorff



Joseph Bradley
Kaitlyn Bragg
Bryan Brosky
Alyssa Brown
Emily Brown



Katherine Brown
Taylor Brychell
Cody Buchwalter
Matthew Bull
Evan Cahill



Riley Carter
Steven Catania
Gerald Chapman
Jeff Chiabai
Crystal Collins



Devin Cornell
Gabrielle Cowan
Eric Craig
Khari Crostreet
Robert Crouch

SENIORS

Jordan Curatolo
Timothy Czekaj
Paige Dahlgren
Michael Dalton
Cydney Daly



Angela Darrol
Lindsey Davis
Mark DeBats
Erin Demonja
Katelyn DeVries



Mitchell DeVries
Roshni Dhoot
Kelsey Dodrill
Nicholas Domer
Quinn Donnell



Isaac Dulin
Elyse Dumas
Emily Dumas
Bryon Duncan
Daniel Dunevant



Kristin Ebert
Daniel Ennis
Timothy Ensign
Gabrielle Erftenbeck
Amanda Erickson



SENIORS

Monica Funk
Mary Furlan
Joseph Gallinatti
Darren Gass
Jacob Gesse



Erica Gideon
Anthony Goelz
Audrey Goldsmith
Elizabeth Gorski
Jessica Graykowski



Melissa Gronceski
Jacob Grossnickle
Cynthia Gudino
Patrick Guziewicz
Kaleb Hagen



Gunnar Hall
Zachary Hall
Ashleigh Happer
Nicholas Hartman
Erica Hauter



Brandon Hayes
Gabrielle Healy
Alexandrianna
Heinemann
Cassandra
Henderlong
Megan Henderson





Holly Hepner
Lyndsey Heroldt
Whitney Herold
Cameron Haskett
Jacqueline Hilbrich



Chloe Hoeksema
Samantha Horn
Andrea Howey
Jordan Hufford
Trent Ingle



Tyler Ingram
Alexander Jaime
Jenna Janesheski
Abigail Johnson
Heidi Johnson



Justine Johnson
Kate Johnson
Rebecca Johnson
Samuel Johnson
Sarah Johnson



Jeffery Joll
Patricia Joll
Eleanor Jones
Nathaniel Jordan
Madalyn Jovanovic

SENIORS

HOW BAD WAS YOUR SENIORITIS?

1. When did you start turning out your teachers?

- A. Beginning of second semester
- B. It began the first day of school
- C. Who me? I always listen!

2. How many days did you write up and think to yourself "I'm not going to school."

- A. 2-3 days
- B. Every day!
- C. Today

3. Did you finish your homework every night before bed?

- A. Sometimes
- B. Yeahhh... never duh!
- C. Always!

4. How many days did you wear sweats?

- A. About half of the year
- B. What else would I wear?
- C. Only once or twice

5. How many days did you decide to skip through your first couple of classes?

- A. A couple
- B. A lot
- C. Never. I always come to school on time

6. How many tests did you fail from lack of study?

- A. Only A, B, & C
- B. A lot more
- C. 2 or less

Answers:

Mostly A's. Most seniors are immature and you made it through your senior year without much difficulty.

Mostly B's. You graduated? You had a few late days of senioritis and are lucky that you've never been expelled. You were basically a body taking up space.

Mostly C's. Someone was not a fan of your life. You are a model student and will succeed in whatever you choose to do in life.

Bryan Kalms
Brandon Karcher
Daniel Karr
Zackery Kassner
Martin Kay



Asa Kerr
Matthew Kienapple
Jacob King
Joshua King
Zachary King





Katelyn Kingsbury
Amber Klein
Sara Klingseisen
Christopher Klym
Alexia Knoblock



Kelsey Koehn
Gretchen Kohler
Jordan Kollasch
Theresa Kozelka
Alexandra Kozlowski



Jacquelyn Kracich
Allyson Kraft
Michael Krasoczka
Taylor Krivas
Samantha Krsak



Victoria Krus
Emily Kuehl
Isaac Kurt
Molly Kusmiz
David Lackey



Lauren Lafferty
Allie Lamberson
Nicholas Lamm
Alexis Lara
Jose Lara

SENIORS

Karen Larsen
Katherine Lawrence
Daniel Lawson
Alexandra Lazerwitz
Michael Lease



Matthew LeDrew
Brianna Lisak
Kelsey Lloyd
Steffanie Long
Dion Low



Kevin Lynch
Zachary Mack
Diamesha Magee
Jennifer Mallek
Anthony Mannia



Rachelle Manns
Katelyn Marak
Jessica Marcinko
Jessica Martin
Mary Master



Rachel Mathews
Alexandria Matisko
Tyler Mayrosh
Katelyn McBride
Robert McBride





Quinten McFadden
Shipporah McGee
Patrick McMahon
Joshua Mekola
Jessica Meyer



Martin Meyer
Jacob Miles
Mary Misch
Abigail Mitchell
Grace Mittelstaedt



Haseeb Mohideen
James Molden
Kerliinn Monger
Ashley Montelongo
Natalie Moore



Shamia Moore
Holly Morgan
Megan Morgan
Zachary Moustis
Adrianna Neri



Ryan Nix
Jessica Nyiro
Allie O'Brien
Macaira O'Connell
John Olejniczak

SENIORS

Destiny Oliver
John Lipton Pacurib
Adam Parks
Samantha Patrick
Zoe Patterson



Joseph Paul
Victoria Paxton
Asia Paz
Dana Penisho-Day
Scott Pflughaupt



Kourtney Pony
Rajeev Popli
Emma Porter
Anna Price
Bryan Price



Brandon
Puszkiewicz
Mitchel Pynakker
Akili Ragland
Ian Rak
Ian Ramirez



Berkley Ramsey
Ashley Rarity
Gabriella Ratliff
Aaron Raynor
Xavier Roberts



VOICES OF VHS

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One student who was truly shining among the others was Katie Lawrence. She was a member of the choir, and she was also a member of the band. She was a member of the choir, and she was also a member of the band. She was a member of the choir, and she was also a member of the band.

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Jasmine Robinson
Jeremy Robinson
Phillip Rodriguez
Jamie Rollings
Mitchell Ronco



Cody Ross
Emily Roth
Erin Rowland
Megan Rudovich
Philip Russell

SENIORS

Julia Salazar
Zachary Salomon
Bennett Sanders
Connor Sasse
Brigid Scannell



Sonja Schaefer
Melissa Schenck
Ashleigh Schneider
Grant Schultz
Kyle Schultz



Tyler Scott
Daniel Sepiol
Kevin Shaw
Samuel Shaw
Hannah Shingler



Madeline Shuta
Jeremiah Smith
Mackenzie Smith
Michael Smith
Thomas Smith



Martina Snemis
Timothy Sorrells
Michael Spackhard
Rebecca Stalbaum
Halley Staples





Andrew Steingass
Lauren Strohmeier
Adam Studebaker
Emerald Sullivan
Conner Sunday



Aaron Taber
Ryan Tapp
Claire Thoma
Alyson Thomas
Ryan Thomas



Gregory Thome
Amber Timmerman
Abby Timmons
Evan Timmons
Conner Tippins



Keeley Tondini
Anneliese Trapp
Matthew Traut
Alexandra
Tsaparikos
Jake Tudor



Matthew Turner
Shriyani Tysen
Dimana Tzvetkova
Elizabeth Ufer
Stanley Ulanowicz

SENIORS

Jacob Van
Schouwen
Abbee VanTine
Alessandro Vasile
Victoria Villasenor
John Virgil



Alexander Walker
Shannon Waller
Deanna Wasson
Chloe Webber
Regan Weber



Raymond Weisler
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Megan White

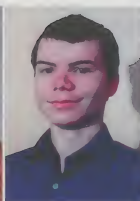


Rachel Wichlinski
Derrick Willard
Hayley Williams
Nicole Wimberley
Corinne Woods



Courtney Woods
Kristen Woods
Rebecca Woods
Shalon Worden
Katharine Workman





Katelyn Wright
Thomas Wright
David Wrobel
Kathleen Young
Eric Zak

SENIOR YEAR FULFILLS STUDENTS



JUNIORS

Tymonno Aherwall
Talia Altsh
Connor Alton
Emmi Alth
Caroline Albert
Morgan Aljane
Patrick Ames
Lakia Anderian

Patrick Andie
Rebecca Anon
Freddie Armstrong
Yamen Anon
Katherine Anon
Jenay Ayers
Devyn Babin
Vanessa Babin

Aubley Baker
Wesley Baker
Alexander Baker
Charles Barker
Jana Barabach
Emily Barabach
Adam Bates
Stephanie Baxter-Ivey

Ryan Beaker
Xavier Berger
Joshua Berindei
Andriana Berian
Thomas Billings
Taylor Binuchi
Soren Bjornson
Nicole Blumkamp

Matthew Blumkamp
Alexis Blum
Mary Blevins
Amelia Blevins
Daniel Boyer
Zoe Bruchman
Alexander Bravo
Madison Brennecke

Arcelia Brito
Anna Brown
Rosa Brown
Zachary Buchwalter
Maximilian Buckley
Elliot Burg
Meyenda Burnett

Steven Byers
Emma Byers
Megan Byrnes
Maura Cain
Parker Callum
Morgan Calvert
Zachary Campbell
Ayanna Campbell
Niamod

Kaylee Carmon
Anthony Carpenter
Allison Castle
Eric Corder
Antonina Chambers
Samantha Chester
Veronica Chevalier
John Christakakis

Rebecca Clayton
Alexis Cleveland
Maggie Coates
Taylor Cobo
Narles Coleman
Kayla Coffert
Tyler Coates
Daniel Courtney





Alana Cieson
Jacelyn Crawford
Okana Creech
Emily Cramer
Joyce Cunningham
Patrick Dalton
Chrysan Daniels-
Parker
Landon Davidson

Tyler Deasing
Akshita Dehoms
Jana Del Boud
Ryan Delahanty
Johnny Dehman
Abby DeTerville
Christopher Dickman
Alyssa Dillon

Tyler Doune
Khalela El-Naggar
Kristin Jelliff
Kylie Elliott
Cory Ensign
Hannah Erwin
Kara Evans
Joan Ann Fels

Matthew Fica
Michael Filippidis
Peter Fish
Christopher Florck
Jordan Folke
Amiyah Ford
Lynnette Ford
Michael Ford

Tiffany Forney
Elizabeth Frederick
Matthew Fredericks
Tara Galbraith
Jordan Galligan
Christopher Garcia
Andrew Garap
Alyssa Gates

Caitlyn Gear
Curtis Gear
Riley George
William Gilliam
Rashonda Gilliam
Natalie Girman
Elizabeth Gold
Francisco Gonzalez

IN VOGUE

If someone were to glance around Valparaíso High School, they would notice a variety of different clothing styles. Some of those trends included hair feathers, pumps, pencil skirts, Toms, and ponchos. Fifty students were polled on their fashion tastes and the opinions of these students varied a great deal.

Forty percent of the students polled stated that hair feathers were their favorite trend of the 2011-2012 school year. Hair feathers became increasingly popular in the last couple of months. A person could get them as an extension in their hair, or just as a hair clip. "Hair feathers were amazing. I had a clip in feather that I liked to wear sometimes. It was fun to switch it up and add excitement to your usual hair style," said junior **Emily Street**.

Thirty-two percent of the student body told us that pencil skirts were their favorite trend. Pencil skirts were very versatile and looked good with almost every top. They were also surprisingly comfortable and always added a sleek look to an outfit.

Toms were everywhere. Eighteen percent of the kids at VHS said that they were their favorite fashion trend this year. These shoes came in a variety of styles and colors. When walking down the halls, a person would see many pairs of Toms walking by.

Toms were cool because they had two benefits. First, they were really cute and comfortable, but when you bought a pair of Toms, one pair went to a child in need," junior **Bailey Swan** said.

Pumps were also a trend that came back this year. Six percent of VHS students said these were their favorite trend. Although these high heels were very uncomfortable, they were very cute and added flair to any outfit. Most people would not wear these to school, but some fashionable students chose to do so.



JUNIORS

Allyson Ely
Mary Gossling
Misty Grant
Laura Grzeszka
Janae Gutierrez
Janelle Gussak
John Halfman
Mark Halfman

Robert Halfman
Katherine Hall
Courtney Hall
Kerwin Hall
Jacob Holloway
Zachary Holloway
Jacob Hunter
Nicholas Hampton

Austin Handley
Alexandra Hansen
Belmont Hansen
Marian Handley
Mallory Hale
Olaf Hamstad
Paul Henderson
Carmen Henderson

Trevor Heneka
Shannon Herbert
Jesse Hite
Gabriel Hocking
Ellen Hoffmann
Kerwin Hocking
Jeffrey Holmes
Ashley Hopkins

Elyse Herb
Heather Hoskins
Joshua Hoskins
Jack Hynes
Amanda Huxley
Angeline Ieri
Tara Ieri
Sarah Johnson

Robert Jacobs
Stacy Javel
Alyssa Javel
Alex Javel
Ryan Johnson
Adam Jones
Alyssa Jones
Alex Juby



WHAT KIND OF A DRIVER ARE YOU?

- When you approach a stop sign, you...
 - Blow right past it
 - Pause for a second
 - Come to a complete stop
- When you're driving down the road, you...
 - Don't even know the speed limit
 - Go close to the speed limit
 - Go exactly the speed limit
- When you're driving, you've hit a jolt in the road to find out you've hit...
 - A person
 - An object
 - Nothing
- When you're driving, you usually...
 - Text your friend and talk on the phone with your boyfriend/girlfriend
 - Look briefly at your phone to check a text
 - Never take out your phone
- When you come to a four way stop, you...
 - Don't care about anyone else and you turn right away
 - You kind of care about others and hesitate
 - Wait for everyone else to go
- When you're riding in the car, you usually find yourself...
 - Doing your makeup and eating at the same time
 - Looking at yourself in the mirror
 - Paying attention to the road

Answers:

MOSTLY A'S: You're a bad driver. You are too quick to make decisions and let distractions get in your way. You put yourself and others in danger.

MOSTLY B'S: You're a decent driver. Most of the time you pay attention to the road and the other cars around you, but you do have some room for improvement.

MOSTLY C'S: You're a good driver. You know the rules of the road and what's going on around you. Good work!



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Nicholas Kulafas
Alexander Kulawski
Benjamin Kulisich
Imani Kuntz
Lucas Kuntz
Emily Kuntz
Christen Kuntz

Clad Kuntz
Alexander Kuntz
Dana Kuntz
James Kuntz
Kathleen Kirk
Andrew Kirtledge
Nolan Klein
Haley Klum

Margaret Klinge
Jenna Klinge
Tyler Klobb
Maxwell Kuchler
Nicole Kuchler
Cameron Kuehn
Hannah Kuehn
Jacob Kullback

Brayden Kuntz
Michelle Kuntz
Jeremy Kuntz
Shelby Kuntz
John Kuntz
Ashley Kuntz
Alexander Kuntz
Emma Kuntz

George Kuntz
Joseph Kuntz
Tyler Kuntz
Tara Kuntz
Olivia Kuntz
Ethan Kuntz
Ryan Kuntz
Tyler Kuntz

Corley Kuntz
Cody Kuntz
Victoria Kuntz
Jessica Kuntz
Brianna Kuntz
Younis Kuntz
Jose Lopez
Rene Lopez

Anthony Lundington
Tyler Lundington
Andrew Lundington
Joni Lundington
Amanda Lundington
Anthony Lundington
Joshua Lundington
Maxwell Lundington

Back Marichen
Martha Marichen
Johnathon Marichen
Tyler Marichen
Sometha Marichen
Amanda Marichen
Kaylen Marichen
Stephanie Marichen

Kevin Maynard
Christopher McCorral
Christopher
McDonald
Dana McDonald
Timothy McLean
Mara McLean
Kyle McLean
Drew McLean

JUNIORS

Much Monon
Salvina Mendez
Ava Meyer
Timothy Meyer
Zachary Meyer
Nathan Miles
Andrew Miles
Jake Miller



John Miller
Samantha Miller
Zachary Miller
Vincent Millos
Brandon Mocco
Adrian Moeck
Ameh Mohdoun
Matthew Montemayor



Madison Montgomery
John Moser
Michael Mueller
Matthew Muen
Erik Munting
Joseph Murillo
Matthew Murillo
Hannah Murgavies



Matthew Napiewocki
Stephanie Nays
MacKenzie Neat
Samuel Neill
Kyle Newhard
Zachary Newhof
Triston Norman
Emily Novello



Charles O'Connor
Brent Odle
Madison Olson
Samantha Orr
Fernando Ortiz
Melissa Pali
Quentin Palmer
Christopher Panyai



Alexander Pancek
Olivia Pantoja
Louise Pappa
Rahul Patel
My-Jennifer Pearson
Victoria Perez
Victoria Perlecin
Sydney Perry



Dakota Pever
Collette Pfleiderer
Sabrina Perna
Austin Pflaum
Collin Pixley
Dagan Polzotto
Justin Potomoy
Maira Popoca



Audrey Porter
Quinn Porter
Taylor Post
Kathleen Poulton
Samantha Poyost
Hamer Pruitt
Kathleen Pullen
Tyler Puzoszewicz



Kyle Rafferty
Micaela Ramon
Ashley Rankin
Hannah Raschke
Melinda Reach
Chloe Read
Xavier Reed
Taylor Reid





Vicki Acut
Patrick Kelly
Patricia Reiner
Missfield Reinhardt
Myriam Rezendiz
Raven
Andre Routs
Cara Reyes
Karen Rhein

Ellen Riddell
Devon Rouch
Drew Robinson
Asha Runkle
Michael Rudolph
Megan Rogers
Amanda Rojas
Mary Roeker

Vincent Radcl
Paul Reymen
Joseph Russell
Brittany Sabol
Andi Sarkisian
Austin Sano
McClad Savina
Emily Scarcella

William Schemmel
Carl Schenck
Claire Schenckel
Nicholas Schiller
Kathryn Schorer
Justin Schultz
Kelsie Schutte
Tyler Schwartz

Zachary Schwartz
Paige Schwend
Heather Scott
Joseph Seaman
Briana Seale
John Sego
Neha Sehgal
Wesley Sharp

Alexandra Shelton
Matthew Sherbondy
Taylor Sherr
Megan Shively
Natalie Sickles
Paula Sickles
Mohammed Siddiqui
Elizabeth Silbary

VIKING VEGETARIANS

Being vegetarian wasn't just about cutting meat from a diet; it was a commitment to a way of life. Along with being a vegetarian, many people also examined the vegan lifestyle. A vegan was a type of vegetarian diet that excluded meat, eggs, and all other animal-derived products. A lot of students took the vow against eating meat.

Junior **Natalie Wirsing** started giving up meat when she was 11 years old. Living on a farm, Wirsing couldn't bear eating meat when she had the same kinds of animals for pets. At a young age, Wirsing thought of meat as unappetizing and as she got older, she decided to try out a vegetarian diet. Wirsing encouraged others to try being a vegetarian. "Becoming a vegetarian was better for the environment, and your health!" Wirsing's parents were very supportive of her decision. Her favorite food was plain tofu as she wasn't a fan of substitution food that tasted like meat.

Junior **Landon Davison** said that he wasn't against the concept of eating meat. His beliefs centered against the practice of eating meat because of the meat factories.

He also described the hardest part of being a vegetarian as constantly having to defend himself. Davison tried a variety of substitution foods but liked tofu the best especially in stir-fry. Davison decided that at some point he might go back to eating free range meat, but he explained that he was definitely not ready for that yet.

Wirsing and Davison were among the many students at VHS who were becoming open to the vegetarian lifestyle and defining their beliefs on the consumption of meat products.

JUNIORS

Bernard Silva
Jordan Simmons
Stephan Simms
Jonah Simon
Megan Simon
Sarah Simon
Katherine Singer
Logan Singer



Zachary Singleton
Amanda Sinaga
Tyler Sinaga
Andrew Smith
Jace Sneider
Alexander Snegiers
Amanda Sorenson
Spencer Sovich



Kathryn Spencer
Elliot Stank
Nicholas Stack
Trevor Stallbaum
Hansen Standenki
Timothy Standiford
Kaitlyn Stuffs
Zachary Stuster



Russell Stewart
Rachel Stenett
Kaitlyn Stocker
Hannah Stockcock
Emily Street
Elizabeth Summer
Cora Summers
Bailey Swan



Matthew Swancy
Katelyn Swanson
Morgan Swartzgickhi
Dakota Talam
Caitlyn Tanner
Skyler Teibel
Cecilia Thoe
Leah Thompson



Nicholas Thomson
Christopher Thors
Nicole Tims
Nicholas Thach
Addison Tromp
Marilyn Trankunas
Ronald Tripp
Chloe Tudor



Sara Tumblus
Allison Tunstall
Spencer Vanderbok
Nikayla Vargas
Victoria Vargas
Marnie Villard
Bailey Viread
Gabrielle Vinyard



Andrea Violanti
Keri Von Tobel
Danielle Virgin
Catherine Wagner
Tyler Wald
Kaitlyn Walker
Hanna Wall
Rebecca Wall



Tess Weismann
Brandon Welch
Tyler Wend
Payton Westergren
Nicholas Wheat
Hannah White
Michael White
Tyler White





Miranda Wisnka
Rich Wilkerson
Alexander Williams
Brendrick Wilkie
Andrew Wiseman
Nathan Wisnang
Janae Wilkerson
Jenna Wong

Taylor Woods
Cydney Young
Kevin Young
Johnathan Zajack
Cody Zander
Luke Zarn
Dorian Zhang
Hannah Zygmunt

JUNIOR OFFICERS

Junior class officers **Kaylee Pullins**, **Sarah Simon**, **Hadley Kalin**, and **Savannah Hampton** remained busy throughout the year. They participated in many activities such as making a float for the homecoming parade and helping out at the annual holiday gift drive. However, their biggest project was always preparing for prom which was a huge event that required a lot of dedication and hard work by students.

It was very important during the school year for the officers to listen to their classmates in regard to problems. "I have gained better leadership qualities along with people skills in learning to work with different people in different situations from being in student council," said president **Kaylee Pullins**.

Some students may have thought that being a class officer was simple, but "being a class officer came with much responsibility and a unique respect from fellow classmates. "I liked representing our class and participating in various spirit activities. I was also very excited to plan prom," said vice president **Sarah Simon**.



(L to R): Kaylee Pullins, Savannah Hampton, Hadley Kalin, Sarah Simon

"They actually tried to do things for the whole student body. Before I was a class officer, I didn't know that. So students should tell me any ideas they have," said secretary **Hadley Kalin**.

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48. Erin Evers



During April Antics, sophomore Rachel Keller played Miss Intuition. Alongside her were seniors Erin Evers, who played "Mom," and Zach Moustis who was Mr. Dr. Professor Bad Guy. Dressed in black, junior Tess Galbiati played the Catnapress. The VHS Drama Club presented *Superheroes Super Fly in 3D* during the spring show. Keller was a member of the VHS choral department and the drama club.

SOPHOMORES



WHAT IS VITAL TO YOUR LIFE?

What was the one item that you could not live without? Fifty students were polled in regard to objects they considered to be the most vital to them. Thirty-four percent of students said that their cell phones were the most important.

What would you do if you didn't have the option of texting your friends the minute you got home from school or when something extremely exciting happened to you? Cell phones have drastically changed the way people communicate. Teenagers didn't really know what it was like to not be able to communicate with their friends 24/7. Not only could you call and text your friends, but cell phones also had internet, music, gps, and a wide array of apps one could choose from.

Thirty percent of students polled indicated that money was the most vital element to their life. Jobs provided more responsibility for students and helped them to make money to buy the things they wanted. Students wanted to have their own money to spend and not have to worry about asking their parents. "Having a job meant that I didn't have to ask my parents to pay for me anymore. Plus, I got to work somewhere that I enjoyed so that was cool also," said senior Conner Tippins.

Eighteen percent of students considered their car to be the most vital to them. "I don't know what I'd do if I didn't have my car. I've gotten so used to being able to go where I want and not having to rely on other people for rides," said junior Ceara Summers. Having a car for many students meant having freedom but it also meant having a lot more responsibility such as finding a way to pay for gas.

Fourteen percent of students said that computers were the most important to them. Although cell phones were taking over, computers were still used for a variety of other things like typing a paper or printing an article.

Four percent of students said that their ipod was the most vital object to them.



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 Vice President
 Secretary
 Treasurer
 Student Body
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SOPHOMORE OFFICERS

Leading the sophomore class officers were president **Chandler Nielsen**, vice president **Caitlin Kennedy**, secretary **Rachel Willing**, and treasurer **Kelly Kennedy**.

"My favorite part of being on student council was being able to express my ideas and having a say in everything we did," said sophomore vice president **Kennedy**. Once she was on student council the previous year, she decided to run for a leadership position.

The sophomore class officers took part in various activities throughout the year. "Some of the best things I got to do as a class officer were making the class float for the homecoming parade, selling Viking Nation tee-shirts for school spirit, and having a say in all projects that the student council did," said secretary **Willing**.

Serving as a class officer not only gave students lessons in responsibility but it also gave them an opportunity to become a part of student government.



(L to R): Rachel Willing, Caitlin Kennedy, Kelly Kennedy
Not Pictured: Chandler Nielsen

FRESHMEN

Chantel Abraham
Maximilian Abraham
Tayanna Adams
Colin Adams
Emily Ahrendt
Nanaah Al-nagar
Michael Alberts
Madelyn Alfredson



Curto Allen
William Allen
Amber Allums
Alfonso Alvarez
Jonathan Alvarez
Garcia
Oliver Ames
Jacob Anderson
Alexa Amelin



Jose Apelo
Nathan Arebalo
Austin Arnes
Josh Arnold
Hallee Atkins
Alexander August
Emily August
Katelyn Ayers



Patrick Azar
Franklin Baker
Valerie Balcerak
Emily Ball
Tammyla Ballard
Phillips
Erica Balmer
United Barajas
Alexis Barnes



Dustin Barnett
Bryce Bartolomeo
Orake Barton
Reya Bauer
Sarah Berscher
Brent Berna
Kayla Benford
Gabriele Berge



Kathryn Berger
Guy Bernhardt
Brittanie Berhars
Michael Bezotte
Lauren Biesem
Kelly Bigger
Kaitlyn Bishop Smith
Kylie Blackley



Madeline Blaney
Robert Blauer
Daniel Blossing
Victoria Blowsom
Elizabeth Blohm
Stephanie Bolin
Jaime Bollinger
Kaitlyn Bond



Nathan Bongard
Kaitlyn Boninger
Nicholas Bosworth
Kathryn Bower
Trenton Bowman
Jared Bradley
Matthew Brennecke
Gabriel Brewer



Taylor Brul
Katherine Brown
Amber Brown
Gabriele Brown
Kyle Brown
McKenzie Brown
Shannon Brown
Devon Brownson



Eric Budzinek
Matthew Bullard
Mackenzie Bull
Robert Bushman
Corydon Caldwell
Lorenz Calamang
Mackenzie Canavan
Lauren Caputo

Joseph Cabbello
Hannah Carl
Anthony Carpenter
McKenzie Carpenter
Anthony Castanon
Emily Catlin
Jordan Chermitsky
Fisher Chermitsky

Nicole Chuaba
Emily Chupick
Jessica Clark
Kemberly Clausen
Mary Cobble
Simon Cole
Hannah Collins
Robert Conley

Kristen Corowell
Samantha Corryell
Rachel Corder
Julia Couch
Galen Coulton
Nathan Courtenay
Jessica Craig
Olivia Crawford

Kaya Cram
Jonathan Croft
Broderick Crossan
Jophin Crowder
Jacqueline Crowe
Maevie Crowley
Matthew Cruz
Luke Cummings

Evan Curry
Sean Curtis
Kemberly Czernowski
Mackenzie Daloson
Julia Dalton
Aaliyah Dangilo
Princess Wednesday
Danielle Porter
Anna Davis

Camden Dawson
Carly de Kock
Shawn Deavers
Lindsey DeBoer
Michael Deedrick
Erin Delahanty
Mackenzie Della
Dummingue DePippo

Daniel DeTorne
Makala Devaney
Ankur Dhoo
Jonathan Dickens
Brendon Dinn
Taylor Dixon
Kevin Dore
Samuel Douglas

Justin Dury
Caroline Dykes
Brianna Edgast
Kaylee Egan
Tyler Ellrich
Matthew Emerson
Simon Engel
Katelyn Enos

FRESHMAN

Riley Edlin
Budd Evans
Jacob Evans
Alexandra Evans
Kassandra Iezko
Jack Polgren
Emma Ferguson
Lisa Ferry



Heather Ferla
Steven Fisher
Andrew Flisch
Tyson Ford
Ian Fortnes
Adam Frost
Tiffany Frame
Tiffany Frazier



Erin Frederick
Travis Fry
Kiana Fured
Broske Fullenkamp
Chase Galpeau
Meghan Gallagher
Robert Gallosich
Kevin Galvan



Austin Garbison
Samantha Garcia
Corey Gardner
Karl Gaten
Joshua Gatti
Keren Gatti
Dustin Gerv
Jared Gentry



Tyler George
Yusef Ghoblan
Juan Gil
Kaitlin Gilderdersee
Rhonda Gilliam
Michael Gorman
Ethan Grinadek
Jacob Goldsmith



Emily Gonzalez
Thomas Gooding
Erin Goodpaster
Laurie Gordon
Brendon Gornick
Katherine Gorski
Jennifer Gough
Fiona Grabow



Sarah Grager
Rebecca Grykowska
Sofia Grimgard
Joseph Grudzien
Emily Guenther
Laron Hall
Mia Haller
Audrey Halvey



Brandon Hamill
Devana Harmonds
Brandon Hansen
Tyler Hansen
Brock Harris
Zachary Harris
Christopher Hartz
Spencer Hathaway



Andrew Havestock
Anthony Heer
Barron Hemenstadt
Gabrielle Herold
Bailey Henslerling
Lynsay Herbo
Abigail Herold
Kaylee Hertaus





Cara Heslin
Matti Hulan
Meredith Hult
Tyler Hult
Jeffrey Hult
Cameron Hobson
Rachel Hollandsworth
Sydney Holmes

Reginald Hopson
Alexander Horb
Jacob Horn
Edwin Howe
Samuel Hubert
Zachary Iseninger
James Jamerson
Mary Jancovich

Kimberly Jankowski
Peyton Jannay
Jaci Jung
Max Jindra
Michael Jindra
Nicholas Jolibe
Val Johnson
Anna Jones

Clinton Jones
Emily Jones
Ian Jones
Stamatis Kalafatis
Anthony Kahn
Domini Kallmas
Kyle Kaminski
Abeer Kanran

Christian Karcher
Andrew Kay
Maxwell Keating
Meera Keen
Jacqueline Keenan
Ann Kering
Chloe Kenders
Luma Khabbuz

MacKenzie Kirkbrish
Shelly Kungury
Raquel Kunczyk
Jacob Knoblock
Kurt Kohler
Mare Kollet
Trevan Kollar
Lanell Kosteska

FRESHMAN OFFICERS



(L to R): JP Kunze, Mona Sehgal, Claire Simon
Not Pictured: Kathryn Bower

Being the new kids on the block, the freshmen class officers sought to get involved at VHS while making a difference at the same time. "I joined Student Council because I have always had a thirst to be involved and to be a leader in our school," said vice president **JP Kunze**.

During the school year, the class officers were busy planning fundraisers and activities. "I helped with the homecoming parade at the beginning of the year and organized fundraisers and other events that went on at VHS," said secretary **Kathryn Bower**. The officers in each class had different responsibilities to take care of during the school year.

"Being a class officer was extremely fun, but it was also a lot of responsibility. I thought that the hardest part would probably be making tough decisions under pressure. You wanted to please everyone, while still making the most practical decision," said president **Mona Sehgal**.

Serving along with Sehgal was treasurer **Claire Simon**.

FRESHMAN

Taylor Kovacs
Zachary Krall
John Kutz
Anna Kutz
Scott LaBarbera
Rebecca Lackey
Jacob Landgrebe



Nathan Lavette
Megan Lawrence
Benjamin Letz
Andrew Letten
Kimberly Lettens
Shelby Lemmon
Nathan Lensch
Joshua Levensch



Peyton Lind
Erica Linds
Jung Lin
Meghan Lomas
Robert Luedke
Sophie Lutz
Emily Lynch
Brooke Lyons



Kelly Lyp
Madison Macke
Zach Mahwood
Nicholas Malche
Julia Mann
Charles Marrell
Selen Martinez
Naomi Maslanka



Alexa Mason
Stephen Masva
Valentina Mazurly
Hailey Mathews
Matthew May
Emma Maycock
Taylor McBride
Jasmine McCarron



Jennifer McCauley
Bailey McDowell
Felix McGoldrick
Amanda McIntyre
David McLean
Ireland McLinn
Maxwell McLinn
Caiti Mehofer



Paige Mekola
Benjamin Mellinger
Miguel Mendez
Jose Mendoza
Margaret Meyer
Brenna Michaels
Morgan Mikemas
Cyle Miller

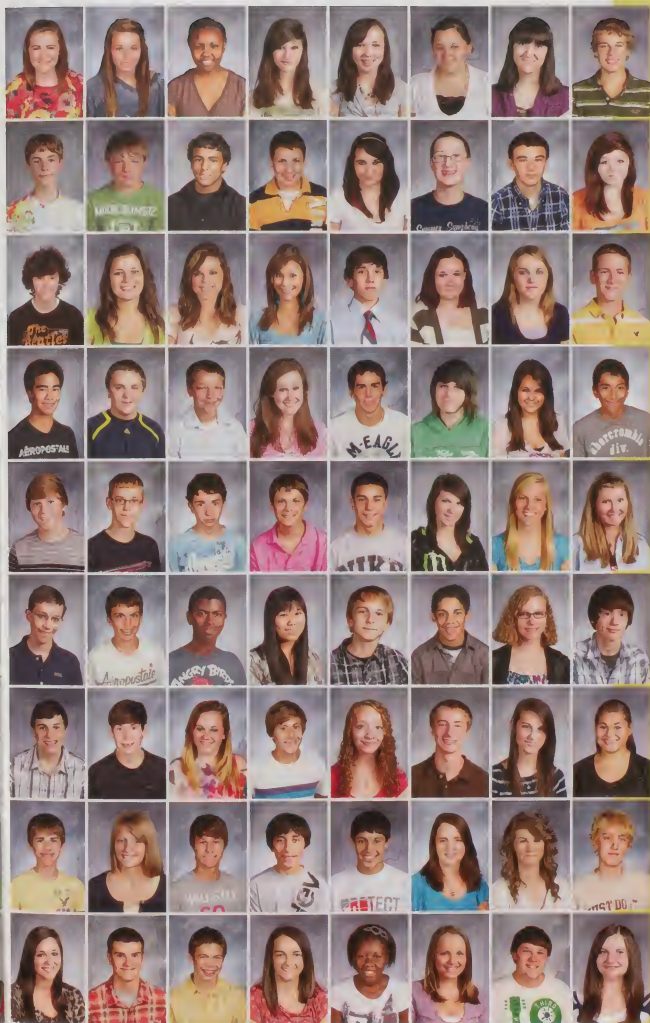


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Samuel Miller
Jacob Mills
Niko Mingles
Carter Mitchell



Jenna Mitchell
Maximilian Mockus
Megan Molnar
Alexandra Moran
Emily Morris
Stamatis Moudoulas
Samuel Mueller
Kimberly Mullins





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 Vivian Mundell
 Abigail Mixson
 Janice Naccarato
 Margaret Nagai
 Jasmine Nagas
 Rachael Newman
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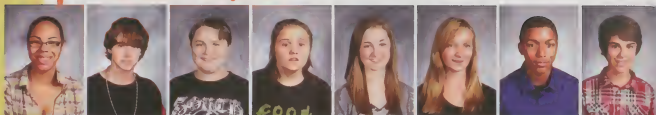
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Dwayne Soemus
Alexander Spivey
Samantha Stanford
Kyle Staples
Peter Stark
Justin Starrs



Jonathan Steiner
Steven Stevenson
Jacob Stewart
Logan Stewart
Tom Stewak
Anthony Stout
Randall Strawn
Jolyn Straighter



HOW MUCH OF A FRESHMAN ARE YOU?

1. On the first day of school you
 - a. had to be in the bathroom shaking with terror
 - b. sat in your homeroom reading your schedule for the 10th time
 - c. talked it up in the senior hallway
2. In the hallways you
 - a. ran down the left side screaming for justice
 - b. fast walked with a purpose of making it on time
 - c. strolled into class with 15 seconds to spare
3. During lunch you
 - a. ate in the bathroom stall and softly cried to yourself
 - b. quickly claimed a table
 - c. copied your friend's homework in the senior section
4. In class you
 - a. wrote down every word the teacher said. You never knew what would be tested.
 - b. took notes occasionally and glanced at the clock periodically
 - c. slept

5. For your locker you
 - a. claimed it was "broken in" because you didn't know your combination
 - b. set it for easy access
 - c. what locker?
6. After school you
 - a. ran to the bus to get a premium front row seat
 - b. waited outside for your parent while pretending to text
 - c. tried not to hit anyone while driving out of the parking lot

Answers

Mostly A's - Start hyperventilating because you are definitely a freshman. Don't feel bad though, because you're not the only one. Mostly B's - You are probably a freshman but could pass as a sophomore. You have some freshman qualities but you quickly learned the ways of the school.

Mostly C's - Wait are you a senior? You obviously have been here a while. You are carefree and going, and ready to graduate.



Riley Kinchey
Ian Sanger
Austin Jones
Alexander Tan
Brendan Tanner
Lauren Tack
Ashley Thomas
Eric Thomas



Julia Thomas
Mallory Thomas
Allison Thome
Holly Thompson
Karlin Thom
Katie Thorn
Stephen Thorne
Sarah Thorne



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Erin Turner



Levi Urban
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Jacob Vargas
Marissa Velasquez
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Archita Vohra
Taha Vokosch
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Madelyn Weiler
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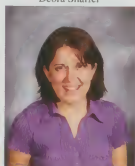
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Gordana Sornaz



Carrie Sorrells



Cathy Sparks



Dawn Sutton



Celia Townsley



Pat Wong



Gloria Zimmerman



Mr. Mark Hoffman



Ms. Deb Fray

Years of teaching: 40

What will you miss most about Valparaiso High School?

#1 the students! They have always been a joy in the classroom and on the field. #2 the colleagues, what a joy to come to play every day with people you trust and respect, and yes I said, "Play", this was fun, I never had a job! #3 the community! What a great place to live and raise a family!

What are your plans after retirement?

I will have more time to enjoy a great life with family and friends. I might have the possibility of getting involved in the local political arena in the fall. I don't think I will ever retire. My life is complete by giving back to the community and that will go on for what I hope will be a long time!

Years of teaching:

36 (4 at Calumet HS in Gary and 32 in Valpo)

What will you miss most about Valparaiso High School?

I will miss the daily contact with students and finding ways to try to engage kids in learning new things. I will also miss my colleagues. They are the best and most supportive people ever!

What are your plans after retirement?

I want to find my "off button". Even during the summers, I'm constantly thinking about school, lessons, new materials, and how to improve what I do. I want to totally recharge my battery. Then, I'll decide on a second career. I also have plans to become more active at Hilltop House, in my church, and with politics.

RETIRING EDUCATORS



Mrs. Lenore Hoffman

Years of teaching: 39.5 (1.5 at Kankakee Valley HS, 38 at VHS)

What will you miss most about Valparaiso High School?

I will miss the interaction with students in my classes. In spite of the inevitable ups and downs of every school year, I laugh every day and almost every hour. Most recently, I have been laughing at myself much more than laughing with my students.

What are your plans after retirement?

My plans are quite specific; I will NOT be grading tests, quizzes, essays, or papers, etc. I will still be a VHS basketball fan. I will read books at a pace I do when I am on vacation. I will go to the grocery store on a weekday in the morning!



Mr. Neil Hurdle

Years of teaching:

41 (26 in Baltimore and 15 in Valpo)

What will you miss most about Valparaiso High School?

Students...their curiosity...the looks on faces when they read and understand...when they write and demonstrate wisdom of the topic and purposeful manipulation of language.

What are your plans after retirement?

Travel, golf, reading, reading both morning papers in that morning, bike riding, walking, reading



Mr. Jim Doane

Years of educating: 36

What will you miss most about Valparaiso High School?

I will miss the daily interactions with students and staff.

What are your plans after retirement?

My plan is not to have any plans for the first year. I'll spend time with family and friends.

How is education different from when you first began educating?

Technology plays such a dominant role in people's lives now. Kids are just as great now as they were in 1976.



Ramona Krueger

Years of teaching:

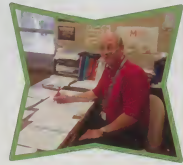
38 (Began in 1974 at Ben Franklin Middle School, taught at SELF School for 12 years, and transferred here in 1989)

What will you miss most about Valparaiso High School?

Two things-my students...They've taught me as I've taught them...and my fellow teachers. I've worked with some wonderful professionals.

What are your plans after retirement?

Relax and practice being bored. Actually, I'm going to have to redefine myself.



Mr. Mark Knauff

Years of teaching:

35

What will you miss most about Valparaiso High School?

I will miss the relationships and good times with my fellow teachers and the daily interaction with students-each day was different!

What are your plans after retirement?

Part-time work, play more golf, visit my daughters in Louisville, KY, and Ann Arbor, MI, more often, travel (vacations!)

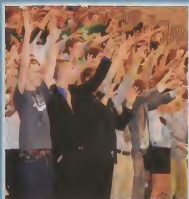
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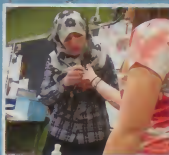
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1. The student section cheers on the Vikings during a basketball game.
2. The cheerleaders make a pyramid.
3. NHS president Bri Lisak and treasurer Alex Antonetti prepare for a meeting.
4. Freshmen Sydney Holmes and Anna Kurtz complete an assignment.



1. The Valpo girl's basketball team works to pass the ball.
2. Juniors Tyler Doane and Patrick Dalton work on an assignment in the computer lab.
3. Junior Mack Neal attempts to pin his opponent.



1. The VHS "B" band plays "Sleigh Ride" during TIOS.
2. Junior Quentin Palmer prepares to pass the ball.
3. Junior Nick Schiller works on his homework during class.
4. For her demonstration speech, Leena Aljohh paints henna on a student's hands.

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Vital Players



"I've always loved basketball as a whole, but I've been playing for as long as I can remember, and I just wanted to keep playing."

-Tyler Ingram, 12



"Being on the court with my teammates in front of a big crowd was one of the coolest parts of being on the team."

-Drew Boetel, 12



"I loved being with my teammates and I loved winning. I always looked forward to game days!"

-Zach Meyer, 11



"The most challenging part of this season was battling in practice and pushing to be a little better as a team and player everyday."

-Quentin Palmer, 11



1. Junior **Quentin Palmer** displays his offensive stance.

2. After getting the rebound, junior **John Mosser** tries to shoot the ball in the basket.

3. The varsity teammates come together in the center of the court before the game.



Despite the team having their only experienced guard injured and having four new players, assistant coach **Ben Lieske** was very proud of how hard the team worked this season.

The placed third in the DAC during the 2011-2012 season.

"I thought this team's chemistry was as strong as any since I have been here. You could tell this by how unselfish they played on the court," said **Lieske**.



Front Row (L to R): Manager Natalie Girman, manager Andrew Mears, manager Aubrey Carpenter

Middle Row (L to R): Coach Matt Thomas, Drew Boetel, Jake Miller, Andrew Kittridge, Tyler Doane, Tyler Ingram, Coach Brent Kimmel

Back Row (L to R): Coach Joe Otis, Zach Meyer, Sam Shaw, John Mosser, Quentin Palmer, Brody Wilson, Coach Ben Lieske

RECORD 12-9



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1. The students huddle as a team in the center of the court before the basketball game begins.
2. While underneath the basket, sophomore **Bret Boetel** grabs the rebound for the Vikings.
3. Junior **Quentin Palmer** jumps up to retrieve the basketball against his opponent during the game.
4. The Viking Nation student section shows their school spirit by standing up and raising their hands for good luck during a Valpo free throw.
5. **Coach Joe Otis** calls a timeout in the middle of the game to talk to his varsity team.
6. Senior **Sam Shaw** runs up to the basket to try to complete his layup during the game.
7. Holding the ball above his head, junior **John Mosser** gets ready to throw the ball inbounds to his team.
8. Running down the court, senior **Drew Boetel** passes the ball to his teammate.



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JV BOYS BASKETBALL



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1. After a time out, **Coach Matt Thomas** huddles with his JV team to get ready to take the court after a timeout.

2. Protecting the ball, sophomore **Alex Healy** tries to keep it away from his opponent.

3. Freshman **Drew Paul** dribbles the ball down the court to try and find an open teammate.



2

Hard work paid off, and the junior varsity basketball team produced evidence of this fact. With a record of 16-4, the team had a successful season.

Coach Matt Thomas was proud of the boys. "These guys have all the intangibles- unselfishness, work ethic, mental toughness, and a willingness to learn the game", Thomas said.

Vital Players



"My favorite part of being on the team was pushing myself to get better everyday and the fun I had playing with my friends."

-Jacob Hamer, 11



"I joined basketball because I loved the sport and my teammates."

-Jeremy Post, 11



Back Row(L to R): Coach Matt Thomas, Justin Osburn, Triston Rouse, Alex Healy, Ronald Tripp, Jacob Hamer

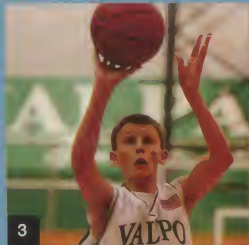
Middle Row(L to R): Bret Boetel, Drew Paul, David Hittinger, Trent Fortson, Jeremy Post

Front Row(L to R): Manager Natalie Girman, manager Andrew Mears, manager Aubrey Carpenter

Record 16-4

FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL

1. Coach John Gutierrez gives his team a pep talk before they return to the court to finish the game.
2. Looking for an open teammate to pass the ball to, freshman Andrew Flasch dribbles the ball.
3. Freshman Cole Wolf shoots a jump shot.
4. Freshman Jacob Pancek powers through the defense.



Being close like a family helped this year's freshmen teams achieve a winning record of 13-7. The teams worked diligently during the year and were a close knit group.

The team worked well together. "This was a close group who stuck together through thick and thin," said Coach John Gutierrez.



Back Row(L to R): Brandon Nicholas, Will Weathersby, Ben Schmidt, Brody Crossin, Coach John Gutierrez

Front Row(L to R): Juan Gill, Max Jindra, Drake Barton, Cole Wolf



Back Row(L to R): Coach John Wolf, Thomas Gooding, Brandon Hamill, Tyler Hansen, Justin Duty, Tyler Ellrich

Front Row(L to R): Andrew Lehnen, Jacob Pancek, Kyle Kaminski, Dominic Snemis, Andrew Flasch, Fisher Cherechinsky, Alex Yiankes

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Vital Players



"I've learned to be disciplined and committed from playing basketball."
Jess Villagran, 12



"I have learned a lot about myself and my teammates from playing basketball. I have learned that I love being a leader and teaching the younger kids."
Katherine Berning, 12



"The most challenging part of the season is all the 'ups and downs' that came with the game. Fighting soreness and fatigue each day really pushed me to work harder."
Clarisse Fletcher, 12



"Before the game we all dance to rap and make a beat on the lockers while yelling as loud as we can!"
Laura Ferrari, 12

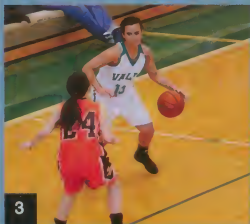


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1. After the game, players demonstrate good sportsmanship by shaking hands.
2. Teammates huddle together to discuss strategies.
3. While dribbling the ball, senior **Clarisse Fletcher** looks for an open pass to a teammate.



3

Despite a challenging season, **Coach Jeanette Gray** was happy with the progress the players made. She said that the positive strides the team made helped to change the culture of the team as well as change the attitudes of the players.

"I loved the excitement and intensity of the game, and how the team was always there for you," said senior **Amber Klein**.



Front row (L to R): Grace Withrow, Clarisse Fletcher

Middle row (L to R): Laura Ferrari, Andi Sarkisian, Katherine Berning, Alyssa Gates, Amber Klein

Back row (L to R): Coach Kathy Levandoski, Jess Villagran, Natalie Matuska, Stephanie Parker, Yasmin Carrillo, Coach Jeanette Gray

RECORD

5-16



1. At the beginning of the game, sophomore **Yasmin Carrillo** goes against a LaPorte player for a jump ball.

2. After a timeout, the team puts their hands together for a chant before entering the court.

3. While being guarded by a LaPorte player, junior **Andi Sarkisian** looks for an open teammate.

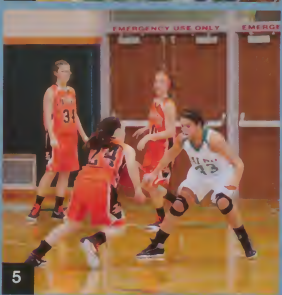
4. Valparaiso players on the sideline cheer for the Lady Vikings.

5. Playing defense, senior **Laura Ferrari** attempts to prevent the LaPorte player from passing the ball to one of her teammates.

6. Teammates line up together and join hands for the national anthem before the game. The team did this before every game.

7. After gaining control of the ball, freshman **Grace Withrow** rushes to the net for a layup.

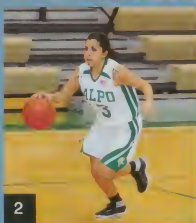
8. Senior **Jess Villagran** jumps against the LaPorte player for the rebound. "My favorite part of playing basketball was getting rebounds and blocking shots," said Villagran.



JV GIRL'S BASKETBALL



1. After a warm-up, freshman Kayla Gates, Kassie Feczko, along with sophomores Kristina Veljovic, Valorie Villagran, and Natalie Matuska huddle together.
2. Dribbling the ball, sophomore Tiara Lara races across the court. "I loved the excitement and adrenaline of a close game," said Lara.
3. Sophomore Kristina Veljovic shoots the ball.



After the girl's junior varsity team worked and played hard during the season, the team finished with a record of 9-5 in the DAC.

Coach Mark Knauff was very satisfied with the season and how the girls played. "The most rewarding part of being the girl's coach was watching the improvement in both physical skills and the mental toughness and confidence from the beginning of the season until the end! It was amazing," said Knauff.

Vital Players



"Some of the highlights of the season included getting pumped for each game, pasta parties, winning, and playing like a team."
Kassie Feczko, 10



"Our JV season went really well. As the season progressed, we got closer as a team and really bonded with each other."
Tina Matavulj, 10



Front row (L to R): Valorie Villagran, Alaina Boynak, Kassie Feczko, Nicole Chiabai, Tiara Lara
Back row (L to R): Kristina Veljovic, Stephanie Parker, Tina Matavulj, Kayla Gates, Coach Mark Knauff

Record

11-7

FRESHMAN GIRL'S BASKETBALL

1. Jumping for the ball, freshman **Katie Thorn** and a Crown Point opponent compete for the ball.
2. Coach **Heidi Bernardi** discusses strategy with the players during a game. "These girls were truly special. They had tremendous potential and were wonderful people," said coach **Bernardi**.
3. Freshman **Meredith Hite** attempts to make a basket.



"This season the girls came together to create a 'family' atmosphere. They truly cared for each other and this certainly contributed to the success," said coach **Heidi Bernardi**.

The team had an excellent season with the A team having a record of 17-3.

"These girls were truly special. They had tremendous potential and were wonderful people. The future of the program looked bright as these girls continued to work hard," said **Bernardi**.

Vital Vikings



Front row (L to R): Managers Margaret Nagai & Gabby Bengs

Middle row (L to R): Kaytie Zaharias, Meg Molnar, Maggie Meyer, Sarah Beischer, Alissa Anselm, Carolyn Dykes

Back row (L to R): Coach Heidi Bernardi, Lauren Caputo, Heather Fella, Karlie Thorn, Shelby Lemmon, Meredith Hite, Katie Thorn, Kathryn Bower, Coach Lisa Woodson



"One highlight of the season was having the best freshman record, and my favorite part about playing basketball was being able to play with all my friends."

Alissa Anselm, 9



"I liked playing basketball because I like the competitiveness and being part of a team."

Caroline Dykes, 9

Record 17-3



Vital Players



"The best part of basketball season was the choice of music. It was awesome being able to pick any song you want. It could go from country to hip-hop in a week."

-Erica Gideon, 12



"I loved how close I got with the girls on the team. Being friends with everyone made practice and games even better to be at."

-Collette Pfledderer, 11



"Basketball season was tough, but we worked hard and we had a ton of fun. I loved dancing on the court and performing for the crowd!"

-Maddisen Brennecke, 11



1. At the top of the flag formation, senior **Gabrielle Cowan** begins the routine. During the season, the Vikettes used swing flags, a 3 foot flag, for many of their routines.

2. At the end of their number, the Vikettes strike a pose.

3. Junior **Hannah White** finishes a routine at halftime for the Vikette Clinic. The event gave younger students an opportunity to perform on court.



While giving it their all, the Vikettes performed at every home girl's and boy's basketball game. The performances varied every game and showed off different styles. The Vikettes performed during halftime, showing off their dance routines.

"My favorite part of the season was the moment that a routine really came together, or 'clicked'. Once the learning and 'cleaning' was done," said Coach **Molly Phelps**. Also, the Vikettes participated in community service.



Front Row (L to R): Gabrielle Cowan, Nicole Wimberley, Alyson Thomas

Middle Row: Jenna Mitchell, Erica Gideon, Alexis Cleveland, Hannah White, Kimberly Jankowski

Back Row: Coach Molly Phelps, Marie Wirsing, Stephanie Baxter-Ivey, Cheyenne Garpow, Collette Pfledderer, Emily Naggatz

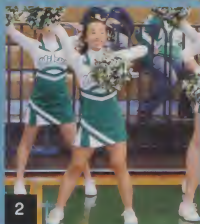
1. The cheerleaders lead the crowd in a chant during a time-out. The team prepared the crowd for an exciting game.
2. Junior **Claire Scherschel** finishes a sideline routine. During the basketball games, the cheer team got the crowd involved.
3. During the game, the cheerleaders perform stunts to music. Junior **Caitlyn Gear** tops the formation.



"GIVE ME A V, GIVE ME AN A, GIVE ME AN L, GIVE ME A P, GIVE ME AN O!"

With energy and excitement, the cheerleaders interacted with the crowd. The squad performed at both girl's and boy's basketball games. During the games, the squad got the fans involved with their energy and routines during the time-outs.

"I loved being a part of a great VHS tradition and getting to know a neat group of girls," said Coach Kara Wissing.



Vital Vikings



Front Row (L to R): Claire Scherschel, Khari Crostreet, Caitlyn Gear
Middle Row: Kelly Bledsoe, Haley Sorrells, Devin Roach, Allix Smith
Back Row: Coach Kara Wissing, Taylor Segally, Ireland McLinn, Isabella Bisone, Mallory Thomas, Mareena Austin



"I loved performing for quarter changes. It was fun getting to learn new dances and stunts, then performing them in front of all of the fans."

-Kelly Bledsoe, 10



"My favorite part was getting to know all the girls on the team and becoming closer to the team."

-Isabella Bisone, 10



"My favorite part of being on the cheer team is that it was like a second family. We were there for one another and have hundreds of inside jokes."

-Mallory Thomas, 9

BOY'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Vital Players



"I learned that the key of being a good swimmer was drinking a lot of milk."

-Ethan Joll, 12



"I pretty much learned how to swim."

-Pit Jaekel, 12



"Before each meet, Coach Boomer brought us together and told us what we were all thinking, what we all wanted, what we were as a team."

-Dion Low, 12



"I learned that everyone was capable of bettering themselves and advancing."

-Mark Memsic, 11



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1. Head Coach Adam Nellessen and sophomore Trevor Mahlmann discuss the upcoming race.
2. Freshman Evan Curry makes his way down the lane.
3. Senior Brandon Karcher discusses the meet with Coach Hroma.



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Finishing with a 5-2 record, the boys had a very active season. Season highlights included placing second in conference, place 11th at state and earning a second place finish at sectionals.

"Our meet with Crown Point was memorable because it was the first time we beat them in thirteen years," said senior Ethan Joll.

"I learned to work hard in the pool while having fun," said senior Brandon Karcher.



Front Row (L to R): Manager Emilee Wilson, Joey Carbello, Layth Yehyawl, Camden Davison, Aladdin Zeitoun, Trevor Mahlmann, Mark Davidson, Cory Caldwell, Zach Schwartz, Mindi Reach

Middle Row: Head Coach Adam Nellessen, Head JV Coach Tim Hroma, Max Keating, Evan Curry, Joel Uban, Tim Blue, Rainer Neis, Kevin Tognetti, Vaughan Hanson, Trevor Staubaum, Adam Sandberg, Dion Low, Asst. Diving Coach Scott Valpatic, Diving Coach Bill Chappo

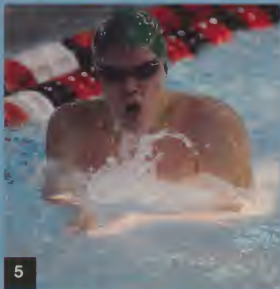
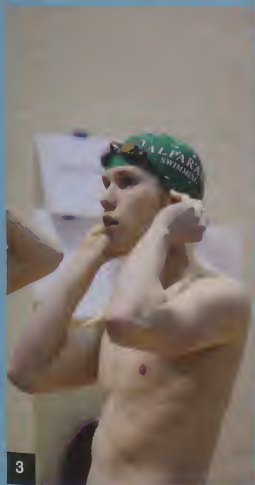
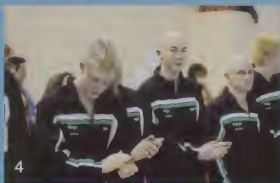
Back Row: Pit Jaekel, Will Allen, Muyenda Burnett, Alex Rastovski, Mark Memsic, Reid Curry, Andrew Antonetti, Conner Sunday, Brandon Karcher, Ethan Joll, Kevin Mangel

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1. Before the race, the boys swimming team huddles together for support in preparation of the competition.
2. Junior **Trevor Stalbaum** makes his way to the finish line while swimming breaststroke.
3. While adjusting his swim cap, senior **Ethan Joll** prepares himself for the upcoming race.
4. Swimmers clap in appreciation after hearing the National Anthem before a meet.
5. Sophomore **Kevin Mangel** displays stamina in finishing the race.
6. Displaying perfect form with the butterfly stroke, junior **Mark Memsic** concentrates on defeating his opponents.
7. Sophomore **Tim Blue** cheers on a teammate during a race. The teammates offered encouraging words to each other for support.
8. Taking a breath, freshman **Cory Caldwell** swims through the 200 individual medley.



GIRL'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Vital Players



"I loved being a part of a team. Although swimming was tough, we had so much fun. Swimming was always rewarding to me."

-Justine Johnson, 12



"My biggest accomplishment was making it to state for the fourth year and going down with four events. I am so grateful."

-Allie Lamberson, 12



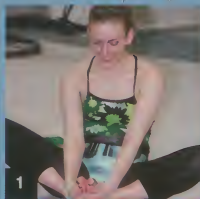
"My favorite part of swimming was the team because we spent so much time together that we became one big swag family."

-Riley Thomas, 12

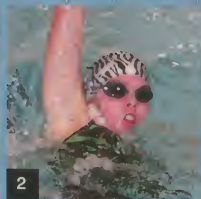


"Swimming taught me so many things. I am so thankful for my family of a team."

-Riley Carter, 12



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1. To prepare for another practice, junior **Sydney Perry** stretches.

Swimmers warmed up by stretching in order to prevent injury.

2. Junior **Katelyn Steffus** swims the backstroke.

3. Senior **Ryan Thomas** swims the backstroke event.



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Eight Viking members of the swimming and diving team competed at the state meet which was held in Indianapolis. This event was considered a highlight of the season.

The swimmers and divers that competed were **Allie Lamberson, Kaitlyn Steffus, Khalela El-Naggar, Sydney Perry, Riley Carter, Justine Johnson, Mary Cobble, and Ryan Thomas.**



Front Row (Left to Right): Vanessa Delgado, Emily Scarsella, Courtney Turner, Allison Drever, Kami Kleefish, Kaitlyn Steffus, Dakota Pitts, Brianna Konrad, Lauren Lafferty

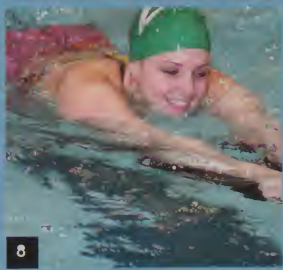
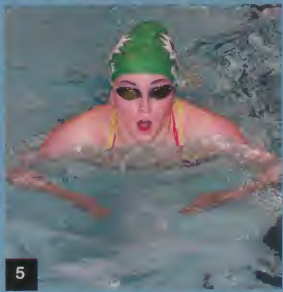
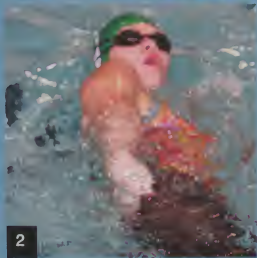
Middle Row (L to R): Coach Peter Sattler, Justine Johnson, Bailey Henderlong, Peyton Westergren, Elizabeth Schlichting, Khalela El-Naggar, Sophie Lutz, Taylor McBride, Natalie Lichtenberger, Madison Whittier, Sydney Perry, Alaina Martin, Coach Bill Chappo

Back Row (L to R): Emily Walsh, Samaah Al-Najjar, Mary Cobble, Ryan Thomas, Audrey Belancin, Allie Lamberson, Meara Keen, Riley Carter, Riley Sunday, Erin Delahunty, Emily Walsh, Marisa Cain

RECORD 10-6



1. The girls sport extra swim suits and nylons before they swim to create drag. This technique helped them swim faster when they removed the drag.
2. Senior **Allie Lamberson** practices her backstroke. She qualified for the state competition in the 50 freestyle event. Lamberson also committed to swimming at Indiana University next year.
3. Junior **Khalela El-Nagger** and **Taylor McBride** qualify for state competition as divers.
4. The girls finish a challenging practice in anticipation for the state meet that was held in Indianapolis at the Natatorium.
5. While swimming the breast stroke, freshman **Mary Cobble** takes a breath.
6. After the second practice of the day is over, senior **Riley Carter** cools down by taking an extra lap and finishing with a smile.
7. Senior **Justine Johnson** takes a breath while doing the freestyle stroke. "The 500 free has always been my favorite event and I'm constantly trying to perfect it," said **Johnson**.
8. Members of the girls swim bond as they pose for a group picture.



Vital Players



"We have just upheld the tradition of excellence set forth by gymnasts many years ago. It was really hard work, but well worth it in the end." -Allie Lazerwitz, 12



"I love gymnastics because it is such a unique sport. Everyone has different skills that set them apart from others."

-Katelyn McBride, 12



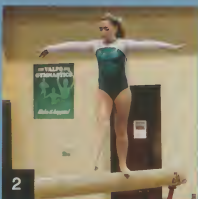
"My favorite memories were the theme days at practice, the fun weekend sleepovers with the team, and working together to make tee-shirts."

-Heather Novak, 10



"My favorite part of gymnastics was my teammates and knowing that everyone has each other's back."

-Allyson Kraft, 12



1. After finishing her routine, junior **Morgan Algozine** flashes a smile.
2. Sophomore **Amanda McDonald** points her toes while performing on the beam.
3. While tumbling, freshman **Emily Ball** spreads her arms wide.



Excellence was an adjective most often associated with the Valparaiso High School Gymnastic's program.

Under the direction of head coach Lorie Cook and assistant coach Becky Juergens, the girls achieved the title of state runnerup champions as well as sectional champions for the ninth straight year and regional champions for the fifth straight year.

"It was awesome to be on such a successful team," said **Tayla Kobitz**.



First Row (L to R): Amanda McDonald, Emily Lynch, Morgan Algozine, Cylie Miller, Rushelle Miller, Emily Ball, Emily Crosmer, Heather Novak

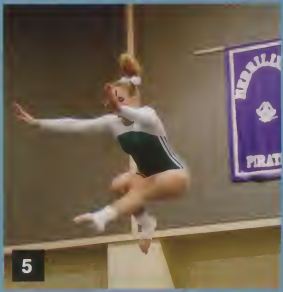
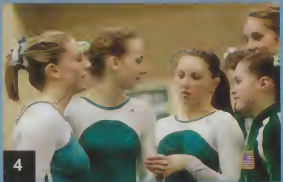
Second Row (L to R): Allie Lazerwitz, Hanna Wilson, Katelyn McBride, Hannah Erwin, Julia Manion, Allyson Kraft, Kimberly Clausen, Tayla Kobitz

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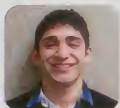


1. While performing on beam, freshman **Rushelle Miller** does a back walkover.
2. Sophomore **Hanna Wilson** gracefully finishes her floor routine before she waits for the judge's feedback.
3. Soaring above the beam, junior **Emily Crosmer** concentrates on her landing.
4. Teammates senior **Katelyn McBride**, sophomore **Heather Novak**, sophomore **Amanda McDonald**, and freshman **Rushelle Miller** talk about their performances at a meet.
5. While on the beam, senior **Allie Lazerwitz** executes her routine with precision.
6. Sophomore **Heather Novak** completes her floor routine.
7. With her coaches watching closely, freshman **Cylie Miller** performs her bar routine.
8. Senior **Katelyn McBride** begins her dismount from the beam. "Being a part of the gymnastics team was a great experience. It was exciting to be on such a successful team," said **McBride**.





Vital Players



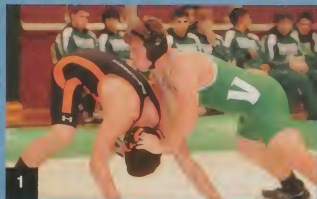
"The most enjoyable part of wrestling was when the referee raised your hand after a match."

-Jose Lara, 12



"My favorite moment of the season was when I pinned Coach Hemry in practice. It showed me that I improved so much since I could take him on."

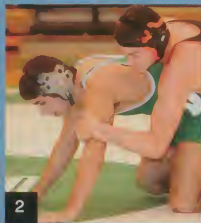
-Evan Cahill, 12



1. Junior **Luke Davis** aggressively battles his competitor during a match and works on getting him into a pin.

2. Senior **Jose Lara** anticipates his opponent's next move and avoids being pinned. "Winning a match was the best feeling after putting in all the work," said Lara.

3. Showing his strength, senior **Andrew Schooler** prepares to take on his opponent.



The varsity players had many highlights this season. Twelve wrestlers advanced to regionals, pushing the team to finish 13th in state.

Assistant Coach **Matt Hemry** discussed the positive pressure put on the wrestlers: "I wanted the kids to experience success that was a direct correlation with the hard work they put in."

"I've learned that it takes hard work and dedication to get the most out of anything that's worth doing," sophomore **Ricardo Rosario** said. This hard work allowed the team to beat Chesterton 30-29 for the first time in five years.



Front Row (L-R): Ricardo Rosario, Tyler Schwartz, Alex Bravo, Fred Armstead, Caleb Neal, Chris Gallo

Middle Row (L-R): Paige Schwind, Jose Lara, Luke Davis, Evan Cahill, Max Buckley, Riley George, Mack Neal, Courtney Smith

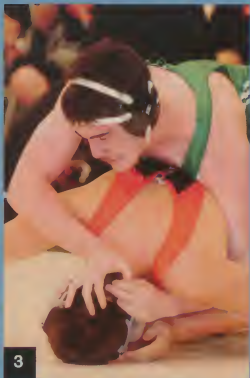
Back Row (L-R): Coach Rene Rodriguez, Coach Vincent Lewis, Andrew Schooler, Angelo Madrigal, Derrick Suttles, Johnny Bednar, Darius Ginn, Nick Greco, Elliot Granados, Coach Ryan Story, Coach Jim Smith

Record 16-8

1. Seeking to encourage before a match, Coach **Vincent Lewis** high fives a wrestler. "I think we have more heart than any other team in the area, and that makes our team special," said **Lewis**.
2. Sophomore **Blake Biesen** chokes out his rival.
3. Proving that he will not be beaten, sophomore **George Krummel** aggressively defeats his opponent.



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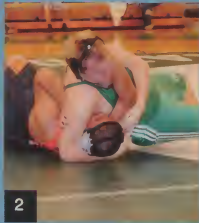


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The junior varsity team had numerous victories which included winning matches against Duneland Conference opponents for the first time in many years.

Coach **Vincent Lewis** expressed his pride in the boys that comprised the team this year and the honor he felt as a wrestling coach: "Wrestling was the most rewarding sport on Earth. Simply seeing the joy on my wrestlers' faces after getting their hand raised was the most enjoyable aspect of coaching for me."

The junior varsity finished the wrestling season with a 17-8 record.



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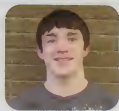
Vital Vikings



Front Row (L-R): John Steiner, Yamani Tripp, Joe Pimentel, Jared Rafferty, John Halfman, Jacob Borns

Middle Row (L-R): Lauren Platt, Taylor Scheidenberger, Kyle Rafferty, Chris Hartz, George Krummel, Austin Garbison, Nick Martin, Colin Vinyard, Becca Riley

Back Row (L-R): Coach Rene Rodriguez, Camille Sisk, Coach Vincent Lewis, Ian Jones, Narges Coleman, Blake Biesen, Jhalil Esters, Ian Suttles, Coach Ryan Story, Coach Jim Smith



"Once I finished the season, I felt an accomplishment that I'd never felt in any other sport. I just knew I had to do it again."

-George Krummel, 10



"One highlight of the season was seeing our senior boys beat Chesterton!"

-Ian Jones, 9

Record 17-8

CASS.

Once every month, the members of CASS or Creating a Safer School traveled to the two middle schools every month to spread a positive message. Working with groups of four or five middle schoolers, a CASS mentor concentrated on teaching lessons of empathy, safe relationships, cyber bullying, and other important issues facing middle schoolers.

"My favorite part of CASS was being able to be a leader to the middle school kids and helping them with anything they needed," said senior **Katelyn Feczko**. CASS mentors worked on making positive relationships with their kids and impacting the rest of their school life.



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1. Seniors **Brandon Puskiewicz**, **Alex Antonetti**, **Katelyn Feczko**, and sophomore **Lauren Reineke** look over their notes before the students arrive.

2. Forming the opening of the tunnel, senior **Dana Alnahass** and junior **Jake Miller** smile at the kids as they come into the auditorium for their lesson.

3. During training, one of the CASS groups pose for a picture.

4. Seniors **John Armstrong**, **Brandon Puskiewicz**, and junior **Sarah Jackovich** receive a donation check for CASS.

5. CASS members take a break from the summer training session.

1. The train of CASS mentors work quickly to finish the activity.

2. Senior **Conner Sunday** helps sophomore **Rachel Keller** complete her "Get to Know You" worksheet.

3. To get everyone involved at the CASS training, the speaker, a Broadway dancer, asks everyone to show off their dance skills.



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1. Senior **Brandon Puskiewicz** discusses empathy with his middle schoolers. At every lesson, the kids would be introduced to a new idea.

2. One day in August, all of the CASS mentors, new and old, meet at the Aberdeen Banquet Hall for an intense day of training.

3. After the lesson, one of the many CASS groups pose for a picture.

4. Junior **Sarah Simon** and junior **Mandy Ploetz** reinforce the lesson of safe relationships with their CASS kids.

5. A CASS group poses at the end of an activity for a picture. The forty minutes that the kids met with their mentors consisted of both large group teaching and small group lessons.

6. At Benjamin Franklin Middle School, sophomores **Lauren Reineke** and **Francesca Pupillo** talk with their kids about cyber bullying.



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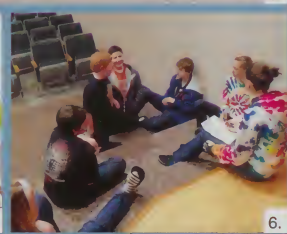
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1. Taking a break from CASS training, mentors listen to the entertainment.

2. During the summer, the new mentors meet with the CASS crew to discuss the goals and meaning of CASS.

3. Sophomores **Joshua Abatie** and **Haley Sorrells** work together to finish the "Get to Know You" activity during CASS training.

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STUDENT COUNCIL

Student council officers had a variety of tasks to carry out this year. These students were individuals who were elected to represent their respective classes. The executive board consisted of president **Gretchen Kohler**, vice president **Mitchel Pynakker**, secretary **Crystal Collins**, and treasurer **Jenni Mallek**. Some of the council sponsored events included the homecoming parade, the senior banquet, and graduation.

"I really enjoyed going to state. It was great having the privilege to meet kids in student council all over the state," said senior class vice-president **Rachel Wichlinski**.



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1. Senior class officers **Jenni Mallek**, **Rachel Wichlinski**, **Conner Sunday**, **Gretchen Kohler**, **Molly Tullis**, and **Crystal Collins** sit on top of a lion statue while on their state convention trip.
2. Junior class representative **Hadley Kalin**, **Veronica Chevalier**, **Hannah Duncan**, **Sarah Simon**, **Savannah Hampton**, **Katherine Singer**, **Cydney Young**, and **Kathleen Pullins** pose for a picture.
3. The **Viking Nation** attends the homecoming pep rally this past fall, organized by student council.
4. Student council members show off their "I <3 StuCo" tee-shirts.
5. **Ms. Lauren Covington** and **Mrs. Kelly Snoeyink** serve as the student council sponsors.

1. Seniors **Jenni Mallek** and **Gretchen Kohler** joke around with **Ms. Covington** and **Mrs. Snoeyink**.
2. During a meeting, freshmen **Mona Seghal**, **Ian Norris**, **JP Kunze**, and **Daniel Barajas** smile.
3. Junior **McCaul Sawina** and senior **Molly Tullis** have fun at a student council meeting.



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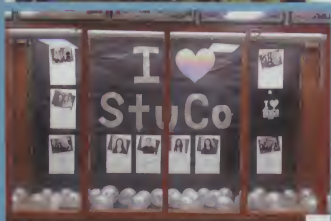


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1. Student council members pose with **Ms. Lauren Covington** at the state convention
2. StuCo exhibits their own display in the case near the auditorium showcasing information about the representatives
3. Freshmen serve as representatives for student council
4. **Mitchel Pynakker, Anjeleta Chavez, Rachel Wichlinski, Chloe Webber, Conner Sunday, and Gretchen Kohler** serve the senior class as representatives
5. **Ms. Lauren Covington** and **Mrs. Kelly Snoeyink** jokingly sit on the statue. "This was one of the most hilarious and fun moments!" said senior **Jenni Malek**.
6. Working on a student council project, seniors **Rachel Wichlinski, Gretchen Kohler, and Mitchel Pynakker** take a break for a picture



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1. Football members participate in a contest where the winner gets a kiss by a cheerleader - but they are surprised to discover the kiss is from their mom instead!
2. The sophomore class representatives pose for a group picture.
3. Seniors **Conner Sunday, Jenni Malek, and Crystal Collins** sport their StuCo shirts.

EARTH AWARENESS CLUB

Every Thursday, Earth Awareness Club (EAC) met in Ms. Jackie Collin's room and discussed the upcoming trips and activities that club members could take part in.

"What I enjoyed about EAC was I loved learning more about how to help the environment while teaching others what I know," said vice-president junior **Bailey Swan**.

During the year, EAC took a kayaking and canoe trip in southern Indiana to clean up the trash out of the river. They also did different kinds of Earth day activities as well as the weekly recycling for the VHS classrooms.



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1. Seniors **Bryan Kalms** and **Jake Starr** help by collecting recycling bins from classrooms.

2. Earth Awareness club officers, vice president junior **Bailey Swan**, historian senior **Molly Kusmiz**, and senior president **Ethan Joll** pose for a picture after an EAC meeting.

3. Junior **Bailey Swan** and freshman **Gloria Rudzinski** clean out the recycle bin from a classroom.

4. Seniors **Colin Welsh** and **Conner Tippins** use teamwork while recycling materials from classrooms.

5. EAC president **Ethan Joll** completely cleans out a recycling bin in the hallway.



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1. EAC members kayak down the river in Southern Indiana.

2. Club members clean up the trash in the river before they set out for the water.

3. Junior **Nicole Tisma** enjoys the kayaking trip as she prepares her paddle.



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S.A.D.D (Students Against Destructive Decisions) discussed different ways to keep students safe from the dangers of drinking and driving.

Every year, SADD club held a competition where elementary school children made placemats against drugs. Twelve placemats were chosen and they were displayed at 12 local restaurants.

Before the weekend of prom, S.A.D.D. displayed a wrecked car to encourage students to make smart and thoughtful decisions.



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1. President **Andrea Howey**, vice president **Anna Price**, secretary **Gloria Rudzinski**, and treasurer **Irena Hozo** pose for a picture.

2. S.A.D.D. club members worked together to design the display case in front of the school.

3. S.A.D.D. club members **Anna Price**, **Kayla Marilek**, **Katarena Vincent**, **Andrea Howey**, **Irena Hozo**, **Brandon Hansen**, **Austin Trzepacz**, and **Francesca Pupillo** pose for a picture.

4. SADD club reminds students with a sign.

5. Senior President **Andrea Howey**, senior vice president **Anna Price**, and secretary **Gloria Rudzinski** discuss upcoming events for S.A.D.D. club.



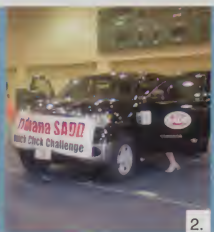
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1. Students ride a simulator.
2. Students run in and out of the truck and practice fastening their seat belts.
3. Students wear special simulator goggles in an attempt to experience how alcohol impairs reflexes.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The 2011-2012 National Honor Society consisted of 92 members. The members were chosen based on academic achievement as well as extracurricular involvement.

Each member was required to do certain service activities during the year. These included helping at the Pines retirement community, tutoring middle school children after school, and packing food in boxes for Cooks Corner's Market Day. The members also helped unpack books at the Tri Kappa book sale and helped set up and run the induction for the new junior members. "This year, we had a lot of fun in NHS helping the community and becoming well-rounded individuals," said senior NHS treasurer Alex Antonetti.



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1. Seniors Allie O'Brien, Kate Johnson, Katelyn Feacko, Brittany Arrigo, Jenna Janesheski, and Marina Snemis sit at a table together during a meeting.

2. Seniors Hayley Williams, Ali Matisko, Daniel Karr, Mike Dalton, Isaac Dulin, Dion Low, and Liz Ufer wait for the winter meeting to begin.

3. Treasurer Alex Antonetti and secretary Taylor Brychell write notes during the meeting.

4. Seniors Sonja Schaefer and Theresa Kozelka read their meeting schedules.

5. Smiling for a picture, seniors Grace Mittelstaedt, Elyse Dumas, Gabriella Ratliff, Emily Roth, Dana Alnahass, Cassie Henderlong, and Rachel Wichlinski show their excitement for the NHS meeting.



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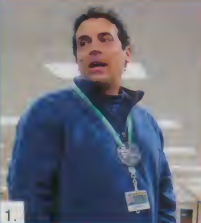


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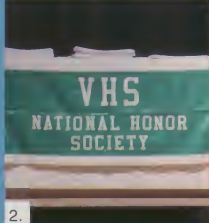
1. Mr. Miguel Rosario, the NHS co-sponsor, addresses the students.

2. The VHS National Honor Society banner is hung on stage during the 2012 NHS induction ceremony. The induction was held on April 23, 2012.

3. NHS sponsor Mr. Hershberger listens intently at a meeting.



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1. Seniors **Monica Funk**, **Dimana Tzvetkova**, **Kourtney Pony**, **Kathleen Young**, **Paige Dahlgren**, and **Ava Tan** sit together at a table waiting for the meeting to begin.

2. Carrying flowers, seniors **Riley Allen**, **Tyler Mayrosh**, and **Trey Sorrells** deliver carnations during 3rd hour.

3. During lunch, seniors **Isaac Dulin**, **Mike Dalton**, and **Roshni Dhoot** sell NHS flowers for \$1.50.

4. Seniors **Isaac Kurt** and **Ahmed Aljohbeh** deliver flowers to classes.

5. Decked out for Valentine's Day, senior **Hannah Albers** delivers flowers to classes.

6. The NHS flowers sit in buckets of water during the day patiently waiting to be delivered. The flowers sales were an annual fundraiser for the organization.



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1. Junior **Emily Scarsella** shakes principal **Jim Doane's** hand.

2. Improvising on the saxophone, senior **Daniel Karr** performs for the families waiting for the induction ceremony to start.

3. Junior **Matthew Mues** and **Mr. Jim Doane** share a friendly word while Mues is inducted.

SPEECH & DEBATE

Speech, Debate, and Mock Trial team members led an active season. The Debate team was proud to show off their first place at Districts, and the Speech team competed at state. Three Mock Trial teams went to state also, where they placed fifteenth, ninth, and fourth.

"I became a better speaker and was not as shy to perform in front of others. Speech was a great big family, and you didn't need to be scared of doing your selection in front of friends, which was a great feeling!" said sophomore speech captain **Daniel Azar**.



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1. Freshmen **Emily Singer** and **John Kunze** smile after a long day of competition.

2. Four sets of siblings on the speech team pose for a picture.

3. Sophomore **Caroline Koenig** practices her humorous interpretation. "I will always remember getting my first Varsity 1st place ribbon. I worked so hard!" said sophomore speech captain **Caroline Koenig**.

4. Freshmen **Mona Seghal**, **Mackenzie Canavan**, and sophomore **Joseph Ellison** prepare for the next round.

5. Sophomores **Daniel Azar** and **Magdalena Barajas** are surprised by the results of their round at their speech meet.

1. Sophomore team **Melting Pot** placed fourth at the **Regional Mock Trial Competition** in **Hammond**. They went on to compete at the state competition, placing fifteenth.

2. Mock Trial team **Das Boot** placed fifth at the **Regional Mock Trial Competition**. They became alternates for the state competition.



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1. Girls on the debate team pose for a picture. "My favorite thing about debate was being able to make friends and connect with people I would never have met without the team," said junior **Audrey Porter**.

2. Freshman **Luma Khabbaz** and sophomores **Nikola Pniak** and **Ashley Smith** proudly smile after winning a round in debate.

3. National qualifying seniors **Isaac Dulin**, **Roshni Dhoot**, and **Kaleb Hagen** proudly show off their debate awards.

4. Freshman **Dax Ritter** is encouraged by a fellow debater, freshman **Kevin Scannell**, after winning first place.

5. Freshmen **Mona Sehgal** and **Sofia Grimsdard** stop for a picture before going to another round of competition.

6. Senior **Isaac Dulin** and sophomore **Troy Borlick** smile after a hard day of competing at a debate meet.



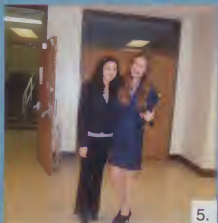
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3. Mock Trial team **Jury Rig** placed third at the **Regional Mock Trial Competition**. They went on to compete at the state competition, where they placed ninth. "Mock Trial State was amazing!" junior captain **Sarah Simon** said.

4. Senior team **Vae Victus** became alternates for the state competition, where they placed fourth.

ACADEMIC TEAMS

While some flexed their strength on the athletic field, others showed off their academic skills in competition.

According to Coach **Mrs. Kristen Schafer**, Science Olympiad offered twenty-three events for competition that required a broad knowledge of science topics and engineering ability. The events ranged from knowledge based on tests to hands on activities and building skills. Team A placed 1st and team B placed 5th out of eleven teams in the IU Northwest Science Olympiad Regional. At the state competition held in Bloomington, Indiana, team A placed fifth out of twenty-five competing schools.

In Quiz Bowl, the team finished 5th in the Duneland Academic Conference, qualifying for their 7th consecutive appearance in the state tournament. According to **Coach T. Mathew**, the team was led by Hayley Williams, Tony Mannia, and Rachel Mathews.



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1. Juniors **Bohao Zhang**, **Cameron Snapp**, and senior **Rhett Hopton** eagerly await their chance to answer at the quiz bowl practice meeting.

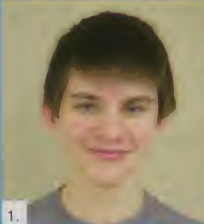
2. Quiz bowl members stand for a group shot.

3. Seniors **Rhett Hopton**, **Monica Funk**, **Bennett Sanders**, and **Tony Mannia** get ready for practice.

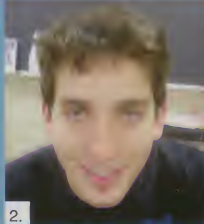
4. Seniors **Tony Mannia**, **Trey Sorrells**, **Monica Funk**, and **Dimana Tzvetkova** along with sophomore **Hayley Sorrells**, and junior **Bohao Zhang** wait for the competition to begin.

5. Seniors **Dimana Tzvetkova** and **Trey Sorrells** work on answering questions during an academic superbowl competition.

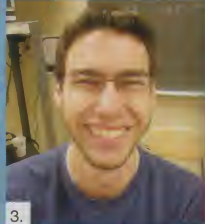
1. "It was challenging but fun and you gained knowledge," said sophomore **Peter Williams**.
2. "You got adrenaline running when you push the buzzer," said junior **Cameron Snapp**.
3. "I joined Quiz bowl because I had friends in it and ended up loving it!" said senior **Rhett Hopton**.



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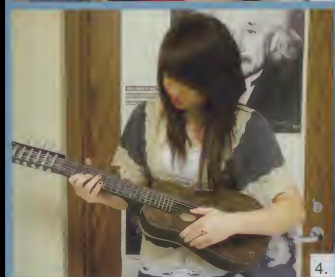
1. Junior **Robert Schenck** sands a tower in preparation for the regional competition.
2. Seniors **Tim Czekaj** and **Bennett Sanders** research deep space objects for their event.
3. The members of science olympiad take a group shot
4. Senior **Ava Tan** strums a homemade guitar for the sound of music event in Science Olympiad.
5. Senior **Sam Johnson**, junior **James Kaminski**, and freshman **Hailey Mathews** test homemade cars for the event *Gravity Racers* in anticipation for their next science olympiad competition at regionals.
6. Junior **Bohao Zhang** studies for his event, *Dynamic Planet*, in preparation for the upcoming state competition.



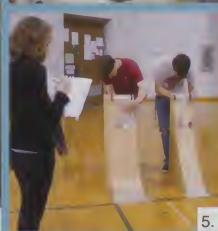
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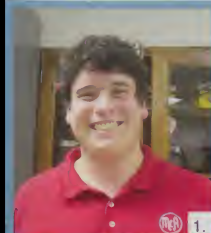
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1. "My biggest challenge in Science Olympiad is obliterating the other team, and winning in the most polite way possible," said senior **Bennett Sanders**.
2. "I wanted to be an over achiever," said Junior **Bohao Zhang**.
3. "I could help the team with my knowledge of computers," said senior **Gerald Chapman**.

During ninth hour each day, the little room located in Orange 101 was occupied with yearbook staff members who created the book from cover to cover with the help of English teacher **Ms. Gordana Sormaz**.

Taking pictures, writing stories, captions, and interviewing students were only a few of the things that *Valenian* staffers did.

"*Valenian* was a great experience. It was a great privilege to put together the yearbook, and to record everyone's memories," senior **Tory Krus** said.

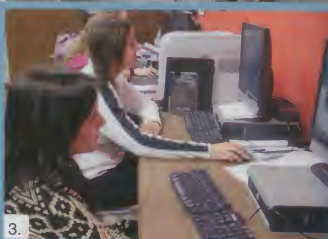
"Most people did not realize all the planning and effort it took to put a book together," said Sormaz.



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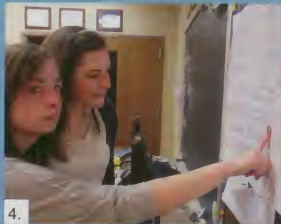
1. The *Valenian* staff edits and proofreads spreads.

2. Front Row: **Emily Novello**, **Tory Krus**, **Erin Evers**, Back Row: **Lizz Gold**, **Ms. Sormaz**, **Maddisen Brennecke**, **Taylor Brychell**, **Peyton Bonnell**, **Brooke Sever**, **Hannah White**. Not pictured: **Ashleigh Schneider**, **Hannah Raschke**, **Lena Barajas**, **Christian Nusbaum**.

3. Senior **Peyton Bonnell** and sophomore **Brooke Sever** write their assigned album stories.

4. Seniors **Tory Krus** and **Erin Evers** consult the yearbook ladder.

5. **Taylor Brychell** asks senior **Peyton Bonnell** for assistance in identifying a student.

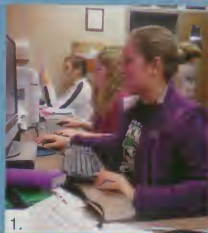


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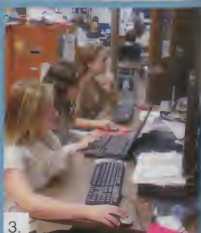
1. Juniors **Maddisen Brennecke** and **Hannah White** work on the album pages.
2. Senior **Taylor Brychell** and junior **Maddisen Brennecke** serve as yearbook editors.
3. At their computers, juniors **Lizz Gold**, **Emily Novello**, and senior **Taylor Brychell** work on their assigned pages.



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The *Viking Press* was the online high school newspaper that gave students the opportunity to write reviews, columns, features, and news stories. Students were given the chance to improve their writing skills as well as gain experience in the field of journalism.

"I liked reading the editorials and reviews in magazines, and I thought it would be an interesting experience if I got to write articles similar to the ones that I read in magazines," senior **Kourtney Pony** said.

English teacher **Ms. Gordana Sormaz** coordinated the online newspaper along with **Mrs. Olga Granat**.

"It was a small group but they were great to work with during the year. They came up with great ideas and I really enjoyed working with the staff," said Sormaz.

1. Juniors **Caroline Albers** and **Alyssa Dillon** along with senior **Kourtney Pony** brainstorm story ideas. The staff would meet every week to discuss stories.
2. Looking over junior **Alyssa Dillon's** photo, junior **Faith Briggs** gives some constructive criticism.
3. "(My favorite part of *Viking Press* was) learning about a happening at the school or in the community that I normally wouldn't look into," said senior **Sonja Schaefer**.



(Left to Right): Sonja Schaefer, Fernando Ortiz, Caroline Albers, Faith Briggs, Lexie Heinemann, Kourtney Pony (Not pictured) Alyssa Dillon

AP/IB ART

Using pastels, colored pencils, paints, photography and digital design, the twenty-first Valparaiso High School Art Show gave forty-four students the opportunity to showcase their work in their individual displays.

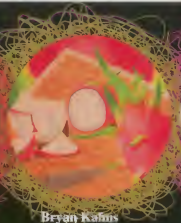
The art show was held on Thursday, April 12 and Friday, April 13. "The honor's art show was a wonderful way to showcase the efforts and talent of the AP and IB art programs and students. The community embraced the amazing talent," said art teacher Marilyn Hanson.



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2. Elisa Hoffmann
3. Megan Henderson



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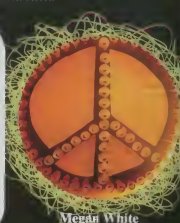


Bryan Kahns



Lexie Heinemann

"The hardest part for me was setting up...I broke a sweat," said junior Maxfield Reinhardt.

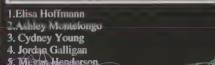
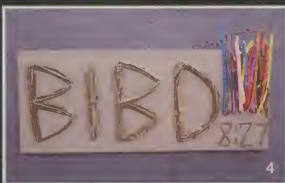


Megan White



1. Shriyani Tysen
2. Megan Rudovich
3. Crystal Collins





1. Elisa Hoffmann
 2. Ashley Montelongo
 3. Cydney Young
 4. Jordan Galligan
 5. Michael Henderson



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"It was fun to watch people's reactions to my film projector piece," said senior Kathleen Young.



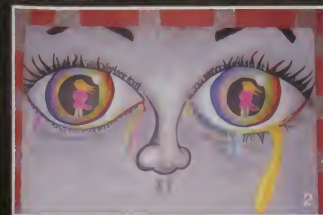
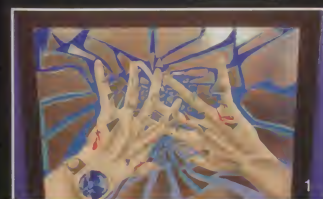
Ashley Montelongo



Sara Klingseisen



Kathleen Young



Advanced placement studio artists included: Talia Aftab, Crystal Collins, Jasmine Engel, Mary Furlan, Erica Hauter, Alexandrianna Heinemann, Megan Henderson, Irena Hozo, Bryan Kalms, Sara Klingseisen, Taylor McCasland, Haseeb Mohideen, Macaira O'Connell, Anna Price, Priscilla Rocha, Abbee VanTine, Regan Weber, Megan White, Natalie Wirsing, Kathleen Young.

International Baccalaureate research class artists included: Elizabeth Barnett, Brooke Blankenship, Jordan Galligan, Carmen Henderson, Elisa Hoffmann, Tucker Jaroll, Alexandra Kozlowski, Martha Marquez, Ashley Montelongo, Olivia Panozzo, Claire Reed, Xavier Reed, Maxfield Reinhardt, Megan Rudovich, Bennett Sanders, McCaul Sawina, Brigid Scannell, Jonah Simon, Kenneth Stokes, Brittney Thompson, Nicole Tisma, Mariya Trenkinshu, Shriyani Tysen, Cydney Young.

1. Bryan Kalms
 2. Megan White

FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUBS

Valparaiso High School students interested in exploring cultural opportunities participated in various foreign language clubs which included: French club, Spanish Club, German Club, and Japanese Club.

Holiday traditions in the clubs were observed giving students a glimpse into other cultures. French Club observed Mardi Gras with a celebration while German Club visited the Christkindlmarket in Chicago.

"It was a good year for foreign language clubs. It was a fun year and we did a lot of good things," said Japanese teacher **Mrs. Cathy Sparks**.



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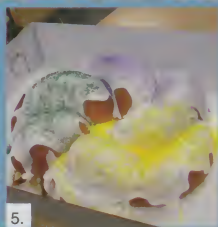
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1. Senior **Daniel Dunevant**, junior **Fernando Ortiz**, and freshman **Dylan Workman** carry the French flag during the Homecoming parade.

2. Members of French club wear their masks to celebrate Mardi Gras festivities.

3. Sophomore **Lauren Platt** and junior **Caroline Albers** eat jambalaya at the French club's Mardi Gras party

4. Junior **McCaul Sawina** samples food at the French Club's Mardi Gras celebration.

5. At the Mardi Gras party, the King's Caké is served, as is the custom for the celebration

1. Sophomore **Timothy Blue** waits for the French Club's trike race to begin. The event honored the Tour De France.

2. Sophomores **Austin Nichols** and **Shiraniha Stanislaus** eat pizza after a successful trike race.

3. Senior **Jacob Starr** prepares to ride his trike in the French club race for his team, The Cats.



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1. Seniors **Cody Corneil**, **Riley Allen**, sophomore **Brett Boetel** and **Matt Bradley** pose with their trophies after winning the Hoops for Henryville basketball contest which was sponsored by German Club.
2. Teams compete during the Hoops for Henryville fundraiser.
3. Members of Japanese Olympiad gather around their second place plaque from De Paul University.
4. During the Homecoming parade, sophomore **Sariah Germain**, freshman **Val Johnson**, and freshman **Cara Hescher** cheer for Valparaiso High School.
5. Sophomore **Sariah Germain** and freshmen **Kimberly Czerwinski** and **Katelyn Bishop-Smith** paint a decoration for the Japanese club's float for the Homecoming parade.
6. **Irena Hozo** and **James Molden** walk in the Homecoming parade



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1. Junior **Cecilia Thate** and senior **Taylor Brychell** cook arepas during the Spanish club's cooking and dancing class.
2. Spanish club members dance to traditional Spanish music during the cooking and dancing class.
3. Sophomore **Magdalena Bonilla** and freshman **Kyle Staples** make cinnamon chips.

FAMILY NIGHT

Family Night was a unique event sponsored by the Life Skills Program. This party occurred annually and was a celebration where students, along with their family and friends, could get together and commemorate the great year they spent together. The theme for this year's Family Night was "Hollywood". Many students dressed as their favorite celebrities, such as Justin Bieber and Miley Cyrus. The night was full of events such as awards for each student, a play featuring Mrs. Morales's tenth hour class, senior goodbyes, and a slideshow of pictures taken during the year.



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1. Seniors **Dimesha Magee** and **Angela Darrol** smile for a picture before the night begins.
2. Sitting next to **Mariyn Monroe**, senior **Kelsey Dodrill** poses as a Hollywood star.
3. Sophomore **Elijah Paz** and his sister, senior **Asia Paz** sing their rendition of "A Whole New World" alongside their mom.
4. After performing a play written by senior **Angela Darrol**, students dance.
5. Before the dinner and other festivities begin, a group of friends dance to the music provided by DJ, junior **Lonnie Pappas**.

1. Before eating dinner, junior **Hannah Raschke** and sophomore **Paola Resendiz-Rivera** smile for a picture.
2. Dressed up as "Sally" from *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, sophomore **Adriene Shoulders** poses for a picture.
3. Senior **Mike Speckhard** and junior **Matt Fredericks** wait at the table for dinner to be served.



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HOPE CLUB/ LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM



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HOPE Club was one of the most unique clubs offered at Valparaiso High School. It allowed students to help and befriend others. Under the leadership of **Heather Michalec**, HOPE club encouraged students to plan and participate in after school activities every other Wednesday with the amazing kids from the Life Skills Program.

The Life Skills Program, sponsored by **Tina Morales**, supported these same students during the school day in their classes, and included the assistance of peer tutors. Some special events in this program were the Christmas Mall trip and *Family Night*.



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1. Juniors **Emily Novello**, **Emily Street**, and sophomore **Paola Resendiz-Rivera** pose for a picture at the movie theater.

2. After buying gifts, a group of girls prepare to wrap the items they purchased.

3. The large group of students pose for a picture before shopping at the mall trip.

4. Junior **Victoria Perez**, sophomore **Shamia Moore**, and sophomore **Natalie Lichtenberger** take a picture with a stuffed animal they bought.

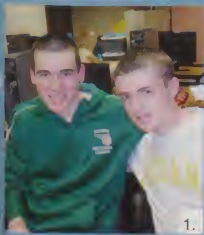
5. While eating lunch at the food court, seniors **Brandon Puskiewicz**, **Angela Darrol**, **Mary Furlan**, and junior **Khalela El-Naggar** smile for a picture.



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1. Junior **Quentin Palmer** and senior **Noel Ferrell** take a break from talking about basketball to smile for a snapshot during computers.

2. After eating lunch, sophomore **Jacob Cummings** and freshman **Curtis Allen** pose for a silly picture.

3. Freshmen **Sarah Graper** and **Holly Thompson** listen to music in computer class.

KEY CLUB

The Valparaiso High School Key Club was known for giving students an opportunity to give back to the community. The club was led by president **Zachary Moustis**, vice president **Marty Meyer**, secretary **Jacob Starr**, treasurer **Rachel Hall** and public relations officer **Bryan Kalms**.

Key Club participated in many activities including a Halloween party for faculty children, creating a float for the Homecoming Parade, as well as helping with summer office work, and sponsoring the King of Heart's Dance.

"Key Club was a great way to give back to the community and our school," said senior **Darren Gass**.



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1. Before the Homecoming parade starts, members pose for a group photo with their float.
2. Key Club members take a break before the Halloween party for a group photo.
3. Senior **Bryan Kalms** and sophomore **Rachel Hall** take notes during one of the weekly meetings.
4. Mixing in the Chex mix for their puppy chow creation are sophomore **Rachel Hall** and seniors **Daniel Lawson** and **Bryan Kalms**.
5. During some summer clerical work, sophomore **Rachel Hall** and senior **Marty Meyer** sort teacher binders.

1. Senior **Bryan Kalms** dresses as a Pokemon character during the Halloween party.
2. Seniors **Kourtney Pony** and **Alexandrianna Heineman** stuff the envelopes during a summer office help day.
3. Before the parade starts, freshman **Ann Keimig** finishes writing on the Key Club float.



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1. Seniors **Bryan Kalms**, **Zachary Moustis** and junior **Tyler Smaga** help at the miniature golf station during the Halloween party.
2. Students admire the decorations for the King of Heart's Dance. Key Club sponsored the dance in February.
3. Key Club officers including president **Zachary Moustis**, vice president **Marty Meyer**, secretary **Jacob Starr**, treasurer **Rachel Hall**, and public relations officer **Bryan Kalms** begin the weekly Tuesday meeting afterschool.
4. Before the Homecoming parade begins, members decide to add some finishing touches to their float.
5. Key Club co-sponsor Ashley Monroe waves while sitting on top of the float for the Homecoming parade.
6. Key Club members show off their unique costumes during the annual Halloween party.



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1. Senior **Marty Meyer** participates in the annual Homecoming parade.
2. Junior **Tyler Smaga** pretends to be trapped during the Key Club Halloween party.
3. Senior **Jacob Starr** stirs the chocolate for the puppy chow during a Key Club activity.

NATURAL HELPERS

Students who attended a Natural Helpers retreat often said that it was a life changing experience. "Since retreat, I've learned so much more about myself and others, and I look at everyone in a completely different light", said senior **Emily Roth**.

At the beginning of the year, students were asked to write down the names of three peers who they would turn to for advice and help. Students who received enough votes went on two retreats during the year at Camp Tecumseh where they learned more about their peers. They also gained more knowledge on how to help their peers through tough situations.



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1. The rainbow staff poses underneath the banner. "I wished everyone at VHS could go on retreat, because it could really make an impact on someone's life," said senior staffer **Kaitie Bragg**.

2. Guidance counselor **Jeff Kolish** poses for a picture during free time.

3. Senior retreatants rest on the deck.

4. The red group, led by senior **Dimana Tzvetkova**, enjoy the soda fountain at Camp Tecumseh.

5. The blue group poses for a picture during some free time.

6. Teacher **Pete Sattler** and senior **Molly Kusmiz** enjoy the wildlife

1. Junior **John Mosser**, Junior **Alex Escobedo**, senior **Riley Carler**, and senior **Jenna Janesheski** enjoy the retreat.

2. The rainbow staff poses for a traditional circle picture.

3. Some of the retreatants, including senior **Phil Russell**, senior **Katelyn Feczko**, and junior **John Mosser** create a massage train.



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1. The rainbow staff for the spring retreat show their colors.
2. Seniors **Cassie Henderlong**, **Katie Lawrence**, and **Hannah Albers** relax on the deck during free time.
3. Senior staffers **Corinne Woods** and **Kate Workman** take a break.
4. Junior **Mallory Held**, senior **Adam Studebaker**, and junior **John Kotynski** do some group bonding.
5. The green group bonds together.
6. Teacher **Jeannine Schott** and senior **Jenni Mallek** smile.
7. The pink group takes a circle photo.



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1. Senior **Ryan Nix**, senior **Berkley Ramsey**, and junior **Alex Abraham** relax on the deck.
2. The rainbow staff poses for a circle picture. "The retreat opened my eyes to a whole different side of people," said Phil Russell.
3. Retreatants cross the suspension bridge at Camp Tecumseh.

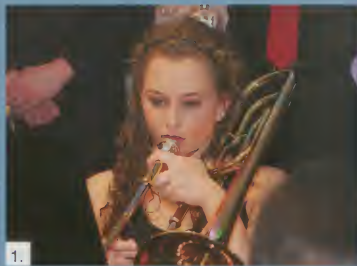
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JAZZ BAND

Students who walked down the band hallway on Tuesdays and Thursdays may have heard the soothing sounds of Jazz music performed by the Lab Band, Studio Band, and Jazz Ensemble practicing afterschool.

All three jazz bands showcased their talents at the annual Jazz at Aberdeen Event on Friday, February 24 which featured a night of music, dancing, and performances by senior soloists.

"All the bands played extremely well. Working toward performing jazz at a very fine level was my favorite part of working with students this year," said **Mr. Dan Pritchett**.



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1. Freshman **Mary Cobble** focuses on her music while playing the trombone.

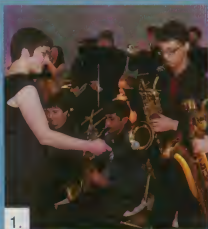
2. Mr. **Miguel Rosario** introduces the next song.

3. Sitting attentively, sophomore **Kendal Holesinger** plays his saxophone during a Jazz Band piece.

4. Smiling, sophomore **Samuel Baker** prepares for the next number with his tambourine.

5. Seniors **Brianna Lisak** and **Elizabeth Ufer** dance at the Jazz at Aberdeen event. The dance floor was filled with students and parents that attended the event.

1. Directing the saxophones, student teacher **Ms. Sanders** assists them with their parts.
2. Sophomores **Ashley Smith** and **Kendal Holesinger** enjoy the music while dancing.
3. Freshman **Michael Girman** plays his saxophone.



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1. Director **Dan Pritchett** enjoys the evening at the annual Jazz Band Dance. "Having a great big band dance at Aberdeen Manor was my favorite memory of conducting Jazz Band," Pritchett said.
2. Senior **Alexandria Matisko** enters the Jazz at Aberdeen dance with her saxophone prepared to play
3. Standing attentively, freshmen **Grayson Woods** and **Jacqueline Keenan** play their trumpets.
4. "My favorite part of Jazz Band this year was laying down some mad beats and freestyling," junior **Peter Fink** said.
5. Juniors **Anthony Goelz** and **Timothy Standiford** concentrate while playing.
6. Junior **Trenton Norman** plays close attention to his music.



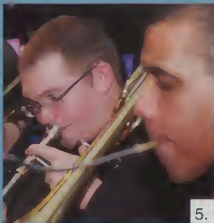
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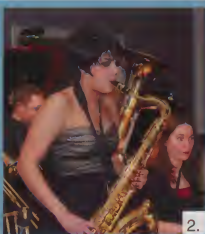
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1. Sophomore **Kell Vittetoe** plays his part on the bass.
2. "I love the tenor saxophone's mellow tone quality, and performing music with a ton of great people was awesome!" **Shriyani Tysen** said.
3. Freshman trumpet player **Val Johnson** plays with the rest of the Jazz Band.

KING OF HEART'S

The King of Heart's Dance theme of "Undersea Odyssey" led to some very creative costumes from the nominees comprised of seniors **John Olejniczak**, **Brandon Puskiewicz**, **Michael Ohm**, **Ryan Nix**, **Ryan Tapp**, and **Mitchel Pynakker**.

"The Key Club members worked tirelessly to create a memorable experience for their peers," said co-sponsor **Ashley Monroe**.

Olejniczak was crowned king and Puskiewicz received the runner up title on the night of the dance which was held on Saturday, February 25, 2012.

As in previous years, Key Club was in charge of the decorations for the event which included a yellow submarine, a mermaid mural, and a wall of shells and starfish.

"It was always inspiring to see months of hard work all centered to one night. I had a blast at the dance and I hope everyone else did too!" said Key Club President senior **Zack Moustis**.

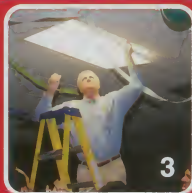


1. The court poses with their dates.
2. Seniors **Brent Howard**, **Gabby Healy**, **Laura Ferrari**, **Logan Bertalan**, and **Cyndey Daly** show their excitement for the dance.

3. Principal **Jim Doane** makes adjustments to the lighting.
4. Seniors **Erin Demonja** and **Mitch Ronco** show off dance moves.

5. Smiling with excitement, senior **John Olejniczak** is crowned KOH King.

6. Senior **Bryan Kalms** dances with sophomore **Rachel Hall**.



7. **Ryan Tapp** poses as a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle.

8. **John Olejniczak** tops off his King Triton outfit with a scooter that he rode through the hallways.

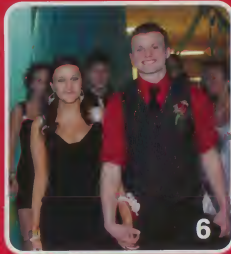
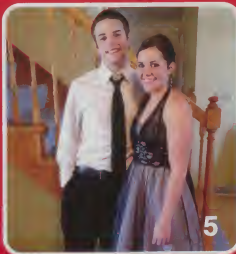
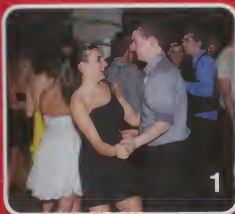
9. **Ryan Nix** shows off his best underwater super hero costume.

10. **Mitchel Pynakker** dresses up as King Triton.

11. **Michael Ohm** poses as an underwater man.

12. **Brandon Puskiewicz** strikes a pose as Barnacle Boy from Spongebob.

KING OF HEART'S COURT



1. Senior Tyler Ingram dances with his date Junior Andi Sarkisian.
2. Enjoying themselves, freshmen Patrick Azar and Shannon Tucker dance with fellow freshmen Rachel Hollandsworth and Jacob Stewart.
3. Senior Corinne Woods and date sophomore Mac Blessing pose with seniors Kristen Woods and Evan Timmons.
4. Seniors Conner Minton, Cynthia Gudino, Erin Rowland, and Jeremy Robinson take a group picture before the dance.
5. Excited to dress up for the night, seniors Conor Mills and Peyton Bonnell smile for a picture.
6. Junior Marina Harding and her date walk through the hallway of decorations leading into the dance.
7. Junior Sara Jackovich hands in her vote for her favorite KOH court nominee.

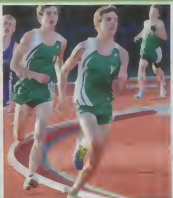
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1. Sophomore Megan Krantz pitches the softball.
2. At a track meet, freshman Kelly Lyp runs to win the heat.
3. In the computer lab, senior Quinn Donnell works on his Pre-Cal.
4. Senior Sakile Jones sings during April Antics while junior Brandon McFadden plays piano.



1. Leading the race, Junior Kassidy Swenson jumps over the hurdle at a track meet.
2. Juniors Marlene Viloria and Brianna Clayton perform during March Madness.
3. At the Honor's Art Show, senior Irena Hoza displays her artwork.



1. Students dance at prom.
2. Sophomore Jeremy Post pitches.
3. Senior Crystal Collins displays her artwork.
4. Senior Heather Sorenson, Junior Mattilyn Simms, and freshman Brendan Tanner perform at April Antics.

BOY'S TRACK

Vital Players



"The biggest challenge of track is determination. You have to go into every practice and meet pushing yourself."

-Aaron Evans, 12



"You have to keep telling yourself 'Do not quit!' It is time to wake them up and show them what you can do!"

-Lonnie Pappas, 11



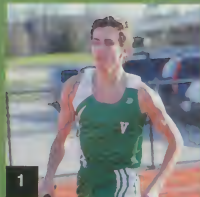
"The biggest challenge is when you work for something and it does not turn out the way you want. You need the mental toughness to pick yourself back up."

-Jordan Romanov, 12



"Our amazing team really helped making me the fastest I have ever been, while reminding me why I love running."

-Nick Hartman, 12



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1. Running for the win, junior **Xavier Reed** focuses on the finish line.
2. Junior **Vincent Milton** lands after completing the long jump.
3. Speeding to the finish, junior **Zach Steiner** runs with determination.



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Members of the boy's track team worked hard and placed second overall in the DAC. The team placed first at sectionals and eighth at regionals. Two members of the track team junior **Josh Marciniak** and senior **Ahmad Aljibeh**, competed at state. **Aljibeh** brought home 12th in the 1600 meter run, and **Marciniak** was 14th in the 300 Intermediate Hurdles. Team members who made Academic All State Honorable Mention were juniors **Andrew Kittridge**, **Paul Runyan**, **Zach Steiner**, and **Isaac Withrow**.

"My favorite memory of coaching was helping the athletes meet their goals in big meets," said Coach **Brett Polizotto**.



Front Row (L-R): Steven Gentry, Adam Miller, Xavier Reed, Camden Davison, Quin Cleaveland, Oshin Paine, Zach Schwartz, Erik Muntzing, Zach Kroll, Andrew Lyp, George Molina, Mark Johnson
Second Row: Jake Southwell, Austin Aras, Aaron Brown, Dayo Ogundipe, Yaman, Trapp, Jon Pearson, Mueyenda Burnett, Jacob Stewart, Sean Curtis, Alex Horb, Isaac Withrow, Sam Neill, Aaron Miller
Third Row: Jeremy Robinson, Corey Allredson, Kevin Mangal, Jacob Hoffman, Pat Reilly, Drew Finley, Tyler Smaga, Danijel DeTorne, Matt Murrillo, Gabe Brewer, Kevin Hickey, Robert Schenck, Andrew Jankowski
Fourth Row: Jack Hreha, Zach Buchwalter, Nick Jobbe, Ricardo Rosano, Joey Gudzen, Anthony Costantino, Taylor Belsch, Landon Davison, Peter Fink, Mark DeBats, Logan Stewart, Connor Ritz, Ahmad Aljibeh
Fifth Row: Hunter Coplan, Nick Hartman, Andrew Kittridge, Cameron Koering, Dylan Workman, Michael Gorman, Kevin Dore, Liam McGrath, Jack Feltgen, Matt Huber, Nick Gleco, Jordan Galligan
Sixth Row: Josh Marciniak, Zach Steiner, Blake Bresen, Matt Brennecke, Cody Zander, Aaron Evans, Paul Runyan, Mitch Wiles, Lonnie Pappas, Jack Chapman, Pat Dalton, Michael Ford
Seventh Row: Coaches Aaron Crague, Brett Polizotto, Matt Helfner, Frank Nimeth, Ben Kerszian, and Mike Prew

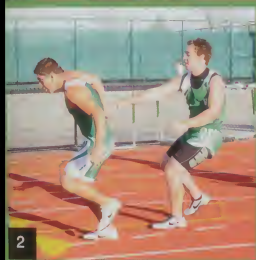
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1. Junior **Patrick Dalton** races for the finish in his 400 relay.
2. Running to his teammate, freshman **Stephen Massa** hands off the baton to senior **Joe Lara**.
3. In proper form, junior **Muyenda Burnett** competes in his pole vault event.
4. Runners warm up together as they prepare for their race.
5. Focusing on the finish, junior **Taylor Bissachi** runs with perseverance.
6. Sophomore **Blake Biesen** prepares to throw the discus.
7. Leading in the race, senior **Ahmad Aljobeh** focuses on the finish line. "I received a thrill from achieving small goals that I reached such as beating a certain time," **Aljobeh** said.
8. Junior **Josh Marciniak** prepares to jump over the hurdle.



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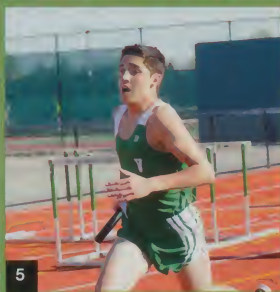
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Vital Players



"My favorite part about track was being in a tight knit team with all the throwers. We really got to know each other and had a lot of fun."

-Claire Thoma, 12



"My favorite memories were just being with everyone and coach, when we were all joking around and having fun."

-Alexia DeJesus, 11



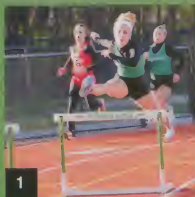
"I decided to join track because my brother did it, and I wanted to be just like him. It turned out I actually really liked it, so I stuck with it."

-Chloe Williams, 10



"My favorite parts about track were the memories my team made and the friendships I have made."

-Jessie Nyiro, 12



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1. Junior **Kassidy Swenson** jumps over a hurdle, leading the race.
2. At the starting gate, freshman **Karlie Thorn** begins her sprint to the finish.
3. Receiving the baton, sophomore **Chloe Williams** competes in the 4X1 relay.



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It wasn't just about the running. Many girls gained friendships and a lifetime work ethic by competing in track.

"It was like one big family working together to make sure we met our goals," said coach **Allie Goodpaster**.

Their season ended with a 6-3 record, a fourth place finish in the DAC competition, and runners competing at state including seniors **Haley Whipps**, **Katelyn DeVries**, and junior **Kassidy Swenson**.



Back Row (L to R): Coaches Matt Snoeyink, Allie Goodpaster, Mike Cavanaugh
Fourth Row (L to R): Mariah Franz, Shelby Lemmon, Aurora Bonner, Gabby Vinyard, Princess Daniels-Porter, Chloe Williams, Hannah Pixley, Karlie Thorn, Katie Thorn, Colette Collins, Alison Mundell, Mary Gooding, Jessica Nyiro
Third Row (L to R): Anna Walls, Amy Martin, Natalia Schwedland, Carly Greubel, Emily Catlin, Tricia Joll, Alyssa Despoy, Kelly Lyp, Carley Lemmon, Kelsey Brewer, Dorian Manion
Second Row (L to R): Grace Tulloch, Steffanie Long, Gabrielle Brown, Melissa Szmagal, Stephanie Clymer, Jordan Folke, Mary Rooker, Claire Thoma, Alissa Anselm, Lauren Boyes
Front Row (L to R): Emily Chojewski, Emily Walsh, Hannah Zygmunt, Brianna Konrad, Akili Ragland, Monica Richel

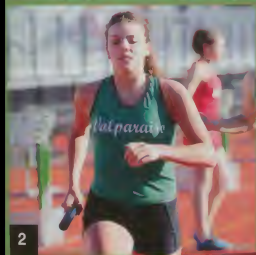
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1. Runners make their way over the hurdles during a meet.
2. Sophomore **Marilee Tullis** sprints to the finish line after receiving the baton during the relay race.
3. Sophomore **Stephanie Clymer** prepares herself mentally before competing in the pole vault event.
4. Junior **Jordan Folke** gets ready for her landing during the long jump event.
5. Running toward the vault, junior **Mary Rooker** tries her best for a good score.
6. While completing the high-jump, sophomore **Princess Wednesday Daniels-Porter** concentrates on her form and accuracy.
7. Trying her best for a winning throw, junior **Alexias DeJesus** focuses on beating her competition.
8. While running in the relay, senior **Lauren Bigger** completes the 4 X 800 event.



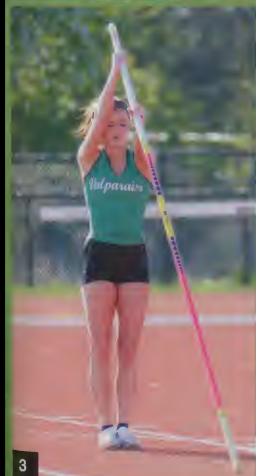
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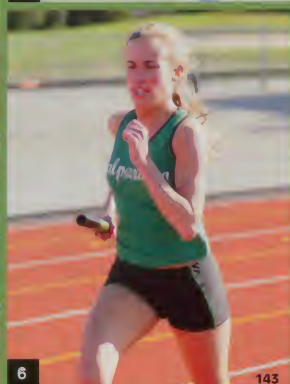
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Vital Players



"A highlight of the season was beating some of the best teams in the DAC."

-Renee Lozano, 11



"The best part of the season for me was when I got player of the week."

- Jeff Holmes, 11



"Shutting out Chesterton was one of the best parts of this year so far."

- Ethan Lehen, 11



"I had great passion for baseball, and enjoyed the good times with my team."

-Andrew Sykes, 10



1. Stephen Simms runs onto the field.
2. The varsity team gathers in the dugout before the game.
3. Senior Tyler Ingram throws the ball with accuracy.



It was a strong year for the varsity baseball team. They managed to beat some of the bigger teams such as La Porte and Chesterton, and won the first sectional championship in ten years.

Head coach **Dave Coyle** said his favorite part of coaching was "working with players and watching them achieve their goals." The Vikings were 7-7 in the DAC.

The team lost to Penn in game one of the regional (14-5).



(**First Row**) Coach Chad Evans, Coach Todd Evans, Devin Bafia, Jake Miller, Andrew Sykes, John Olejniczak, Jeff Chiabai, Alexander Bales, Jeffery Holmes, Head coach Dave Coyle, Manager Elliott Burge, (**Middle Row**) Gregory Thome, Stephen Simms, Tyler Ingram, Joseph Gallinatti, CJ Gear, Renee Lozano, Ethan Lehen, (**Bottom Row**) Alexandra Kalasountas, Viki Flores, Aubrey Carpenter, Makayla Coyle, Corinne Lemarie

RECORD 20-12



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1. Junior **Alex Bales** is up at bat during a baseball game at Viking field.

2. Crouching low while on base, junior **Stephen Simms** prepares to run.

3. Anticipating the pitch, junior **Stephen Simms** raises his bat.

4. The varsity baseball team gathers around to huddle before returning to play.

5. Junior **Alex Bales** throws a pitch.

6. Kicking up a cloud of dust, senior **Joe Gallinatti** races to the nearby base.

7. Catcher **Joe Gallinatti** talks to his teammate, junior **Alex Bales**.

8. Stretching out before batting, junior **Jeff Holmes** prepares to bat.



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1. After the game, junior **Andrew Weston** congratulates his teammates.
2. Sophomore **Spence Sunday** winds up to throw a pitch to the opposing batter during a game.
3. Getting ready to catch the ball, sophomore **Andrew Page** snags another tough shot to shortstop.



Coach Chance Garbison was pleased with the JV boy's baseball season.

"I was lucky to have maturity and positive leadership on the team this year," said **Garbison**.

After being named the new junior varsity coach, Garbison set a number of goals this season with the first one being-improvement.

"I was able to get a second chance working with many of the same boys and I was pleased. I enjoyed seeing the kids each day," he said.

Vital Players



"I joined baseball for love, fun, and the friendships you made during the season."

-**Spence Sunday**, 10



"My best highlight of the season was the comeback win against Highland in the bottom of the last inning."

-**Brendan Sutherland**, 10

Record 11-10



Back Row (L-R): Jack Andrie, Alec Judy, Spence Sunday, Weston Sharp, Andrew Weston, Elliot Granados, Luke Kovar, Coach Chance Garbison

Middle Row (L-R): Sam Miller, Kyle Salomon, Andrew Page, Jake Gholston, Jeremy Post, Jared Folke, Brendan Sutherland

Front Row (L-R): Jennifer Gough, Katie Mulroe

1. Freshmen **Billy Rollings**, **Dominic Snemis**, and **Alex Spiess** high-five the other team after the game.
2. Teammates listen to **Coach Nick Slater**, as he gives them a pep talk before the game.
3. Freshman **Andrew Lehnen** makes a run to home plate.



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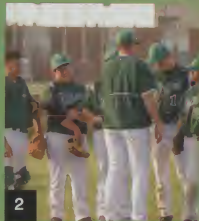


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At the beginning of the season, **Coach Nick Slater** set many goals for his players.

"The goals I set for this season were for each player to get better, beat Chesterton, and have one game with less than 2 walks from our pitchers," said **Slater**.

Coach Slater enjoyed being with his team and helping his players learn the game. He enjoyed getting to know the players, while also seeing the players improve.



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Vital Vikings



"My favorite part about being on the team was being able to hang out with the guys and being able to play the game I love."

-Matt Emerson, 9



"My finest moment this season was beating Chesterton and getting to play with my friends!"

-Colin Ahearn, 9

Back Row (L-R): Alfonso Casaday, Kyle Brown, Ryan Wexelberg, Tyler Ellinch, Justin Duty, Mike Jindra, Joe Pimentel, Alex Spiess, Collin Vinyard, Coach Nick Slater

Front Row (L-R): Jake Pancek, Dominic Snemis, Alex Yankes, Billy Rollings, Ethan Gniadek, Colin Ahearn, Joe Mendoza, Matt Emerson, Andrew Lehnen

Record 10-12



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Vital Players



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1. Sophomore **Kathy Minko** winds up to pitch the ball.
2. Senior **Clarisse Fletcher** dives for a ground ball. "Fighting through the hard times as a team and overcoming them was very challenging," said **Fletcher**.
3. Junior **Andi Sarkisian** prepares to bat.

With a focus on hardwork and unity, **Coach Tracy Cornell** was very pleased with the team's accomplishments and the dedication of the teammates.

"The girls were truly amazing people and they were great to work with. Also, they worked extremely hard and were committed to our program," said **Cornell**.

The team beat LaPorte and Michigan City, and won one more game than last year which **Cornell** thought was a highlight of the season.



"My favorite part of playing softball was being with my team. These girls became my family and I knew that they always had my back. There was no better feeling!"

-Olivia Allen, 12



"Overcoming a loss was always a hard challenge. Our team was really good at working hard the next day at practice on correcting our errors."

-Natalie Girman, 11



Front row (L to R): Ashley Kleist, Olivia Allen, Molly Grant, Maddie Shuta, Clarisse Fletcher, Devin Roach

Back row (L to R): Coach Tracy Cornell, Andi Sarkisian, Laura Gruszka, Kathy Minko, Megan Krantz, Amber Timmerman, Evann Grabow, Natalie Girman

Record 8-18

1. Sophomore **Zoe Fromm** goes up to bat and prepares for a run.
2. Sophomore **Ashley Kleist** waits for the hit coming her way.
3. Standing in the outfield, sophomore **Lauren Platt** gets ready to catch a ball. "It was so much fun to be on the field and just give it your all," said **Platt**.



With a record of 10-13, **Coach Lindsey Morris** was very pleased with the JV softball team this season. She was proud of the sophomores who stepped up during the season as leaders to help the freshman players. The team had two wins over Chesterton.

"The most rewarding part of coaching for me was watching my players grow and improve on and off the field. I also valued the bond that was formed between coach and athlete," said **Morris**.



Vital Vikings



Front row (L to R): Aly Runnion, Sara Beischer, Anna Beischer, Zoe Fromm, Mi Mi Austin

Back row (L to R): Coach Fry, Sam Holland, Lauren Platt, Jullia Sergent, Amber Allums, Meghan Gallagher, Mary Jancovich, Alexis Barnes, Coach Lindsay Morris



"Some of the highlights of the season were the Michigan City game. We won and it was our fight for Breast Cancer game, so it was special."

-Lauren Platt, 10



"My favorite part about playing softball was the competition! Nothing felt better than getting a great hit against a top pitcher."

-Ashley Kleist, 10

Record 10-13

Vital Players



"My favorite part about golf is how challenging it is to play."

-Logan Bertalan, 12



"The team got along quite well and we helped each other out with our game."

-Nate Letnich, 9



"This was the closest team I have ever been a part of."

-Patrick Andrie, 11



"Playing golf allows me to meet new people and lets me have fun."

-Michael Gallinatti, 10

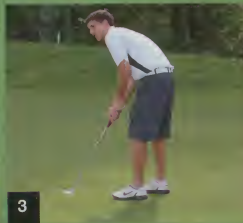


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1. After taking his shot, senior **Logan Bertalan** watches where his golf ball will land.
2. The team listens to instructions from their coaches.
3. Junior **Tyler Doane** prepares to putt.



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With a 23-1 season record, no one could argue about the success of the boy's golf team. The golfers also finished first in the DAC with a 13-1 record.

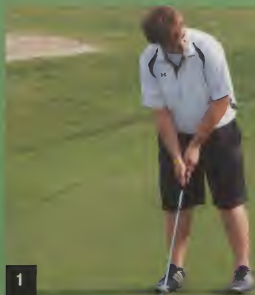
Coach **Wayne Lichtenberger's** favorite moment from the season was watching senior **Logan Bertalan** make a hole in one at the Hall of Fame Golf Tournament.



Back Row: Coach McGonigle, Jacob Woodward, Alex Pancek, TJ Kalin, Brandon Hamill, Thomas Walsh, Tyler Doane, Logan Bertalan, Coach Pera
Front Row: Chase Galipeau, Kyle Meihof, Bobby Jacobs, Andrew Gariup, Michael Gallinatti, Nate Letnich, and Jake Goldsmith, not pictured: Coach Wayne Lichtenberger

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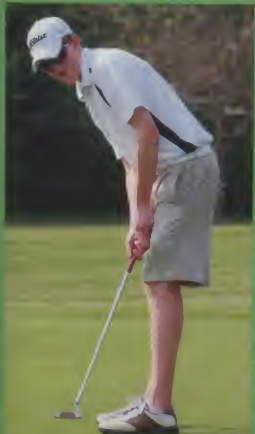
1. Junior **Alex Pancek** prepares to putt the golf ball.
2. Sophomore **Jacob Woodward** strategizes about where to place his shot.
3. Sophomore **Thomas Walsh** concentrates on putting the ball.
4. Team members share a moment of humor.
5. Junior **Patrick Andrie** decides where to putt the ball. "My favorite part about golf was hanging out and practicing with the guys," said **Andrie**.
6. Junior **Tyler Doane** follows through on his swing.
7. Senior **Logan Bertalan** drives the golf ball to the hole. Bertalan was bound for DePauw University in the fall where he would be playing golf.
8. Sophomore **Micahel Gallinatti** anticipates the landing of his golf ball.



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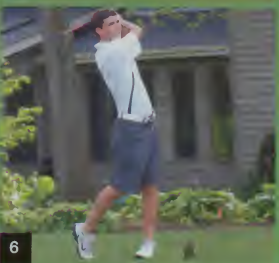
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VARSITY GIRL'S TENNIS



Vital Players



"My favorite part of playing tennis was the sound and feel of a good hit."

-Sonja Schaefer, 12



"Before a meet, we got in a huddle and prepared for our match. Our coach read us a quote everytime and then our captain pumped us up."

-Ava Meyer, 11

Record 14-4



1. Junior **Kate Spencer** and sophomore **Rachel Willing** change the scoreboard.
2. Before beginning the match, senior **Sonja Schaefer** and sophomore **Marissa Weston** meet their opponents.
3. Sophomore **Kelly Kennedy** prepares her forehand shot.



With a season record of 14-4 and a DAC record of 6-2, the girl's varsity tennis team added another successful season to their long list of accomplishments.

"The highlight of the season was winning the Cuver Invitational Championship. That was some of the best match play all season and a great victory!" said Coach Tim Shideler.

Shideler also cited the fact that Sonja Schaefer and Kate Spencer along with Brooke Sever and Ava Meyer were undefeated in Sectional Play.

"Bonding as a team is crucial for a coach to accomplish," said Shideler.



Front Row (L-R): Caitlin Kennedy, Marissa Weston, Kate Spencer, Brooke Sever, Rachel Willing

Back Row: JV Coach Melissa Overg, Kelly Kennedy, Ava Meyer, Sonja Schaefer, Coach Tim Shideler

1. Coach **Tim Shideler** gives words of motivation to tennis players before a match.
2. Using an overhand shot, freshman **Ella Simon** follows through with her swing.
3. Junior **Ashley Kozik** hits the ball with precision.



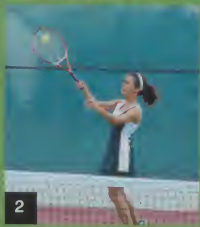
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With determination and effort, the junior varsity tennis team worked hard this season.

"The hardest part of being a coach was when you see all the hard work and effort your players put in at practice not result in a victory for them," said Coach **Nicole White**.

The girls finished the season with a 8-5 record and were 5-2 in the DAC.

"The highlight of the season was when we swept Portage," said White.



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Vital Vikings



"My favorite part would probably just being able to get along with all of the girls. It was nice to see different personalities."
-Cydney Young, 11



"I enjoyed meeting new people and seeing the skills of myself and others improve."
-Allie Thome, 9

Back Row (L-R): JV Coach Melissa Overg, Carolyn Barounes, Ashley Kozik, Audrey Belancin, Sofia Grimsgard, Lauren Donnell, Allie Thome, Tim Shideler

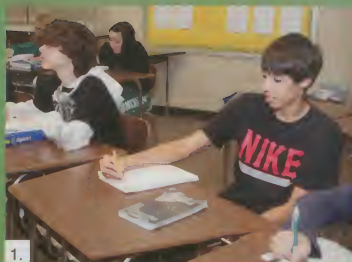
Front Row: Shannon Tucker, Ella Simon, Gabe Hinding, Cydney Young, Tess Weismann, Maddie Douglas, Abby Wood

Record 8-5

With a new curriculum and new books as well as the addition of new faculty members, the VHS math department had many adjustments to make during the school year.

"I really enjoyed the support from the other staff members. As a new teacher, I didn't know how I would survive without them," said Mr. Matt Hemry.

The students at VHS had a variety of math courses offered to them which included: algebra I, geometry, algebra II, pre cal, calculus and discrete math.



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1. Students listen closely to the lesson and take notes. Many of the students relied on the notes given for homework to aid them with quiz or test preparation.
2. Mr. Matt Hemry talks about the lesson and gives the assignment to the class. The class was given valuable information about this section.
3. Freshman **Joseph Pimentel** asks a question during class regarding the homework.
4. While paying attention to notes, freshman **Dominique DePippo** pays close attention.
5. Freshman **Emilie Kostelka** takes notes in her algebra class.

1. Mr. Matt Hemry helps answers a question on an assignment.

2. Freshman **Taylor Briel** takes notes from the board.

3. Freshman **Kimberly Jankowski** and **Riley Gaines** takes notes from Mr. Hemry, which will help them on the homework and for the semester final.



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A variety of business classes were offered at the high school which gave students exposure to marketing, personal law, and accounting.

Students learned how to own a business and about finance. Also, the students occasionally took a field trip or two.

"The Business Law Class took a field trip to the Porter County Courthouse to watch trials. It was fun and the class got to see law in action!" said business teacher Ms. Lauren Covington.



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1. Sophomore **Bennett Van Schouwen** asks Ms. Covington a question concerning the homework.
2. The business class listens to the assignment being given for homework.
3. Ms. Covington gives a lecture.
4. The class listens closely during a lecture given by Ms. Covington.
5. Sophomore **Lauren Reineke** finishes up the class assignment.



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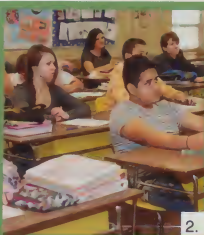
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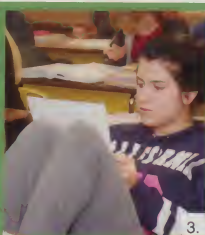
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1. Ms. Lauren Covington gives the class an assignment before class ends.
2. Students prepare to take notes during a lecture.
3. Junior **Taylor Post** takes notes and reads along during the lesson.

Among the many Core 40 graduation requirements, graduating students completed three years of science. There were many classes that were offered to students including: chemistry I and II, physics I and II, zoology, biology I and II, anatomy and physiology, earth space, and environmental science. These were courses that prepared each student who planned on furthering their knowledge of science.

"Taking anatomy my junior year and zoology my senior year really prepared me for future courses in college, especially with developing study habits and handling labs," said senior **Conor Mills**.



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1. Incorporating entertainment into learning. **Doc Boyle** gives a demonstration on free fall.
2. **Doc Boyle's** students listen intently to his physics lecture.
3. Reading his notes for the day, sophomore **Reid Curry** tackles chemistry.
4. Junior **Shelby Koszut** focuses on the lesson. She took physics to broaden her science experience.
5. Showing his class the laws of physics, **Doc Boyle** explains his demonstration. During one of his lessons about acceleration due to gravity, he even dropped the bowling ball to capture the attention of his students.

1. Junior **Hannah Zygmunt** works on the physics homework for the next day.
2. Persevering through the class work, sophomore **Taylor Bezotte** completes his chemistry homework.
3. Juniors **Emily Novello** and **Ceara Summers** study single-celled organisms in Zoology.



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Manufacturing, Engineering, and Computer Design included some of the courses offered to students that were interested in technology. With the help of such classes, students could further their learning in areas that would allow them to excel in college or career choices involving technology.

Among the technology teachers at VHS, **Mr. Zach Hall** expressed his enjoyment of the classes he taught.

"I loved teaching things that people could really use in everyday life, such as computers, fixing things, and making video games. Plus, we had some pretty cool stuff to play with in the department!" said Hall.



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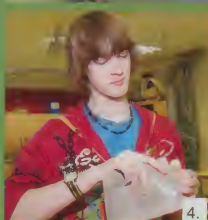
1. Junior **John Mosser** strives to complete an engineering assignment! Adding a coat of paint provided the overall feel of the piece.

2. Attempting to complete a project, sophomore **Jordan Berdovich** enjoys her engineering class. Her colorful pieces made the project dynamic.

3. Three of **Mr. Hall's** students engage themselves in their computer designs.

4. During intro to engineering, sophomore **Guy Trueblood** finishes his work with the aid of sandpaper.

5. Sophomore **Spence Sunday** focuses on a project in his engineering class.



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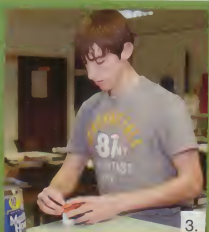
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1. Freshman **Stamatis Moundoulas** pieces together a project.

2. Sophomore **Aaron Ellis** completes a project.

3. Putting the finishing touches on an assignment, sophomore **Jacob Chapman** enjoys Intro to engineering.

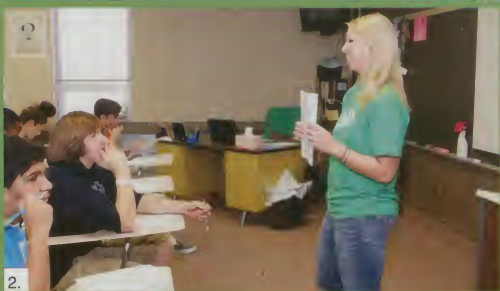
ENGLISH

In an effort to improve writing skills as well as gain an appreciation for literature, students were required to take four years of English in order to graduate. Some students, went above and beyond the requirements and took extra English classes such as creative writing and journalism as electives.

"My favorite part of teaching was when students 'got it.' It was a great feeling seeing students get the 'ah ha' moment! Also, the amusing stories and discussions that I had with my students kept me all the more entertained," said English teacher **Mrs. Allie Goodpaster**.



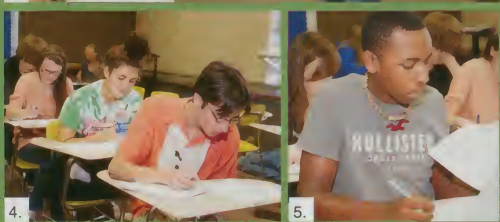
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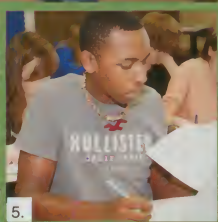
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1. Juniors **Rahul Patel** and **Andrew Kiltride** work on a writing assignment during class. All English classes helped students improve their writing.
2. **Mrs. Allie Goodpaster** teaches her American Literature class.
3. Listening to her teacher's lecture, junior **Ceara Summers** diligently takes notes.
4. An important part of the writing process is editing. Many English classes encouraged peer editing to reduce errors.
5. Junior **Kapri Andrews** works on an assignment during class.

1. Sophomore **Natalie Bertalan** reads her poem during the Valparaiso Women's Club poetry contest.

2. Reading her own original entry, sophomore **Erin Brown** recites her poem.

3. **Hannah Standerski** receives First Honorable Mention for her entry.



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FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Several languages were represented in the foreign language department during the school year. Students had the choice of learning Spanish, French, German, Latin, or Japanese. In the classes, students were given the opportunity to not only learn to speak and write the language, but to also learn about the culture.

"My favorite part about being a teacher was enjoying the student's journey of learning and seeing their perspective and creativity. It was a beautiful language that I loved to share with others," said Spanish teacher **Mr. Robert Cespedes**.



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1. In her German class, junior **Stephanie Baxter-Ivey** listens intently to the class discussion.

2. During their Spanish class, juniors **Alanna Mogck** and **Courtney Turner** refer to their books to complete their Spanish assignment.

3. **Frau Houldieson's** students listen as she speaks to her German class.

4. Junior **Sara Tumbas** closely studies her paper for an upcoming vocabulary quiz during her Spanish IV class.

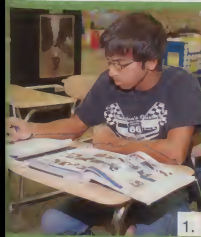
5. **Mr. Robert Cespedes** helps his students, juniors **Jessalyn Ayers** and **Adam Bates** with their assignment in Spanish class.



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1. **Shirantha Stanislaus** completes his French vocabulary assignment in class.

2. Students listen intently as **Madame Virgil** reviews a French vocabulary assignment.

3. Freshman **Kimberly Jankowski** completes her French homework for the day.

CONSUMER SCIENCE

Consumer science courses such as nutrition and wellness, child development, and fashion and textiles were semester long classes that offered students hands on experiences with skills needed for every day living.

Preparing and cooking meals were skills covered in nutrition and wellness while students taking child development gained experience with preschoolers who arrived every Tuesday and Thursday. Students in the class prepared theme days such as Disney Day, Beach Day, Sports Day, etc.

For those wishing to gain exposure to fashion, the sewing class provided opportunities for students who made such items as purses or dresses.



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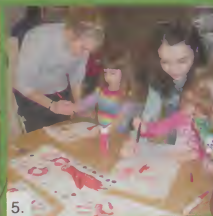
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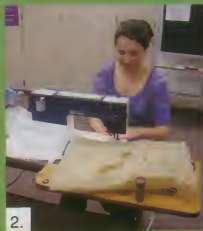
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1. While in nutrition and wellness class, junior Kyle Elkins, sophomore Kelsey Clines, and freshman Heather Fella prepare a meal.
2. During fashion and textiles class, sophomore Courtney Smith and junior Rashawnda Gilliam pin pattern pieces.
3. Playing with toys, freshman Emily Guenther spends time with a preschooler.
4. After cooking a dessert, junior Jordan Hile sits down to enjoy it with other student's
5. Sophomore Michaela Gazdich and senior Alex Tsaparikos show preschoolers how to finger paint

1. Freshman Jhalil Esters admires the children's drawings.
2. After cutting out pattern pieces, freshman Monica Richel sews.
3. Junior Amber Mathews makes sure her dishes are clean. Proper clean up was an important part of the class.



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION



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Physical education classes provided an important outlet for students to leave their studies for an hour while getting active.

Some of the physical education classes offered included: volleyball, football, golf, basketball, soccer, floor hockey, swimming, badminton, and bowling.

Nine weeks of swimming were required for freshmen while many upperclassmen took specific physical education courses like weight-training.

Learning to stay fit while having some fun were important objectives for students.



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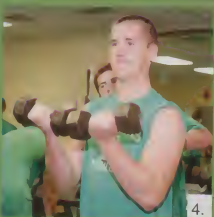
1. Waiting for the other team to serve the ball, opposing team members prepare for return.

2. Senior Kyle Schultz chooses from a variety of different weights.

3. Students in Mr. Prow's gym class get ready to play basketball.

4. Senior Aaron Evans works out during weightlifting class.

5. During gym class, freshman Emily Aungst prepares to serve the ball.



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1. Junior Lonnie Pappas works hard to increase muscle strength.

2. Senior David Wrobel lifts weights on a machine.

3. Junior Cory Mable uses the overhead press in weightlifting class.

MOCHA MADNESS

Mocha Madness, the annual Valparaiso High School improv event, showcased a variety of talents from the VHS drama club over a course of three nights in March.

Improvational comedy involved making up scenes without any previous planning and providing dialogue for situations that had never been rehearsed before.

Two teams competed in an improv battle where judges in the audience rated each scene on a scale of one to five. The team with the highest points was crowned the winner.

"Bob Craig was just so great to work with. We experienced a bond and he really knew what he was talking about when it came to comedy...." said junior **Max Reinhardt**. At the end of the night, Reinhardt was given a positive attitude and improvement award in memory of former VHS graduate Matt Erickson.



1. Seniors from the team named Hashslingslashers which consisted of **Erin Evers**, **Zach Moustis**, and **Darren Gass** get ready for opening night.
2. During a *Poetry Slam* game, junior **Tyler Smaga** decides to put a twist on his poem by singing.
3. Freshman **Daniel Barajas**, **Abie Mwaura**, **Mike Pupillo** and junior **Amanda Smaga** perform a version of Jack and the Beanstalk.
4. Junior **John Kotynski** interprets his poem will some real emotion.
5. Before playing *Props*, seniors **Erin Evers** and **Zach Moustis** explain the game to the audience.



1. During the game called *Slide Show*, freshman **Lindsey DeBoer** freezes in a silly position.

2. While playing the game *Props*, **Katie Ploetz** uses a feather duster as a hat. The point of the game was to put a twist on everyday items.

3. Freshman **Daniel Barajas** and **Katie Ploetz** play a game called *Puppets* where they could not move.

4. Team Hashsinglashinglashingers does their introduction before the show.

5. Team Beatboxers perform a rap as their introduction.



1. The hosts for the evening, seniors **Conner Sunday** and **Stephanie Bongard**, share some information about improv with the audience.

2. Seniors **Bryan Kalms**, **Irena Hozo**, and junior **Nicole Koehn** play a game called *Survivor*, where a player is eliminated each round.

3. Senior **Irena Hozo** explains the game *Poetry Slam* to the audience.

4. While making up a story, seniors **Erin Evers**, **Darren Gass**, **Zach Moustis** and freshman **Jon Krus** perform it with emotions.

5. During a game called *Hitchhikers*, seniors **Tory Krus** and **John Armstrong** portray different quirks while pretending to wait for a bus.

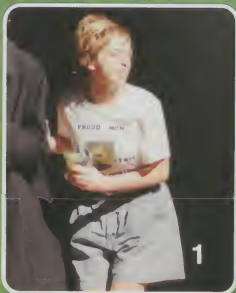
6. *Historical replay*, played by seniors **Colin Welsh**, **Bryan Kalms**, and junior **Tyler Smaga** has the players act out different scenes in the styles of various time periods.

APRIL ANTICS

The superheroes and villains of Valparaiso High School had an old-fashioned, comic book throwdown at *April Antics 2012: Superheroes- Super Fly in 3D*. On Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21 at 7pm, the drama club put on a performance to remember. April Antics was a variety show where the acts were integrated into a story line created by the drama club officers. The acts included everything from dancers to a glass-bottle playing ensemble.

In the first act, the super villains created a decomposition formula to deposit into the city's water supply. But, the super teens learned of this plan and were able to stop it before the formula began to work. The second act took place at the Central Park Plaza where the Earth Day celebration was being held. In the end, the super teens and super villains made amends and celebrated together.

"I would have to say I mainly enjoyed being able to see how talented people are at our high school, and getting to meet new people," junior **Amanda Smaga** said.



1. Performing at the Central Park Plaza, junior **Samantha Prevost** and sophomore **Liz Bianco** sing "Here Comes The Sun" by the Beatles.

2. Hoping to raise the group's spirits, 80's Kid, played by sophomore **Mitch Paxton**, encourages everybody to "Wang Chung tonight!"

3. In Mr. Dr. Professor Bad Guy's basement, the evil villains listen to Mr. Dr. Professor Bad Guy, played by senior **Zachary Moustis**, explain his plan.

4. The Twinsters, Meiosis and Mitosis, played by juniors **Amanda** and **Tyler Smaga**, do their signature pose.

5. Seniors **Michael Ohm** and **Mitchel Pynakker** act as the emcees of the Earth Day ceremony.



1. Offering juice pouches to her son's friends, senior **Erin Evers** played the hilarious Mom of super villain Mr. Dr. Professor Bad Guy.

2. Captain Valparaiso, played by senior **Conner Sunday**, shares his new plan to defeat Mr. Dr. Professor Bad Guy with the super teens.

3. Dancing to the song "It Doesn't Hurt" is senior **Kali Yallourakis**.

4. Freshman **Daniel Barajas** played the lovable Viking Boy, sidekick to Captain Valparaiso and terminal freshman.

5. In the coffee shop, several different acts performed on the open mic stage. The acts included freshman **Carli Meihofer** singing "Set Fire to the Rain" by Adele.



1. Freshman **Katie Ploetz** sings an acoustic version of Nicki Minaj's "Super Bass".

2. Miss Intuition, played by sophomore **Rachel Keller**, Georgia Peach, played by senior **Tory Krus**, and Murray, played by junior **John Kotynski**, look at their fallen leader.

3. In the junkyard, senior **Mitchel Pynakker**, junior **Sabrina Pierotti**, and freshman **Kate Scott** sing the song "Big Yellow Taxi".

4. The glass bottle ensemble performs the song "You Can Call Me Al" and included juniors **John Miller**, **Erik Muntzing**, **Peter Fink**, and **Domi Szabo**.

5. After spying on the villains, sophomore **Gareth Kaye**, shares what he learned with Captain Valparaiso.

6. Tess Galbiati plays the role of Catnapress.

PROM



1. Seniors Ray Weisler, Jenni Mallek, Jeff Chiabai, Hannah Shingler, Brandon Puskiewicz and his date



2. Seniors Stephanie Bongard, Sara Klingseisen and their dates junior Paul Henderson and Nick Alesevich

3. Seniors Zoe Patterson and Erica Gideon



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"Under A Moonlit Sky" was the theme of the 2012 prom which was held at the Porter County Expo Center on Friday, May 18, 2012. The junior class, under the leadership of Mrs. Mara Fiegle-Hicks and Mrs. Rhonda Yelton, was in charge of planning the night. Decorations included a gazebo, a water fountain, and a bridge, all wrapped in lights.

"There is always so much hype about prom, how it is supposed to be the best night of your high school career, but really once you take off all the pressure and set out to have fun, that is what you are going to do," said senior Amanda Erickson.



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6. Seniors Regan Weber, Mary Kate Misch, Hannah Albers, Crystal Collins, and Megan Henderson

7. Seniors Anneliese Trapp, Jacob Van Schouwen

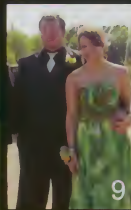
8. Seniors Rachel Wichlinski and her date Nick Simon, Eleanor Jones, and Troy Trinosky



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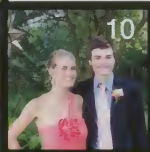
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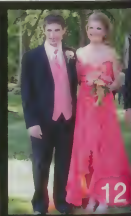
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4. Senior Alyx Smick and date Ryan Wojda, senior Amanda Erickson and date, and senior Taylor Brychell and junior Matt Mues.

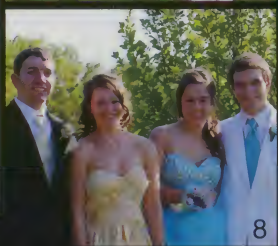
5. Juniors Ceara Summers, Alexias Dejesus, Alex Abraham, Matt Fredericks, Emily Novello, Hannah Raschke, Lizz Gold, and seniors Conner Tippins and Colin Welsh



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9. Senior Shannon Walter and her date Nick Willy

10. Seniors Jay Smith and Sonja Schaefer



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11. Junior Marina Harding and senior Madalyn Jovanovic

12. Seniors Adam Studebaker and Cassandra Henderlong



1. Seniors Megan Rudovich and Berkley Ramsey

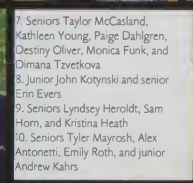
2. Senior Alex Puskas and junior Tucker Jaroll

3. Seniors Drew Boetel and Allie Lazerwitz

4. Seniors Evan Timmons, Kristen Woods, Corinne Woods, Haley Whips, Rob McBride, Katelyn Feczko, Clarisse Fletcher, Elizabeth Gorski, Brittany Arrigo, and sophomore Mac Blessing

5. Seniors Kaitlyn Jarrard, Emily Jarrard, Dana Perisho-Day, Natalie Fajdich, and Rebecca Stalbaum

6. Juniors Collette Pflederer, Hannah White, and Maddisen Brennecke



11. Seniors Sara Ozturk, Mark DeBass, Riley Carter, Alex Abney, Ella Lamberson, PJ Jackel, Justine Johnson, Nick Hartman, Lea Juergens, and Phillip Russell

12. Seniors Conor Mills, Peyton Bonnell, Jeremy Robinson, Enn Rowland, Corrie Minton, and Cynthia Gudino

13. Seniors Sam Knak and Nathaniel Jordan

14. Senior Alyson Thomas and her date Lefty Marcinkowski

15. Seniors Jordan Curatolo, Elizabeth Barnett, Enca Hauter, and Morgan Anderson

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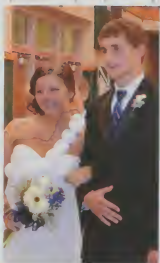
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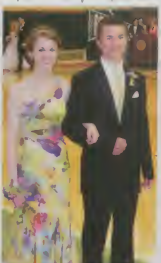
Priscilla Rocha and Dan Whitten



Sabrina Pierotti and Tyler Reid



Katelyn Fecko and Rob McBride



Abby Timmons and Mark Halfman

1. Senior Elyse Dumas dances with her date.
2. Junior Landon Davison enjoys the music with his date.
3. Juniors Zach Buchwalter, Marisa Cain, Sarah Jackovich, and Jack Hreha



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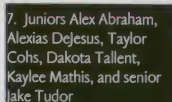
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4. Seniors Markee Allen and Szipporah McGee
5. Seniors Gabrielle Erftenbeck and Theresa Kozelka
6. Senior Andrew Zappettillo and his date



7. Juniors Alex Abraham, Alexias Dejesus, Taylor Cohs, Dakota Tallent, Kaylee Mathis, and senior Jake Tudor
8. Senior Sakile Jones
9. Senior Scott Pflughaupt and sophomore Samantha Banks



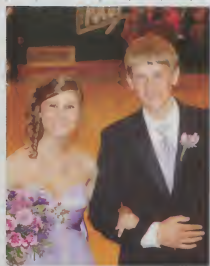
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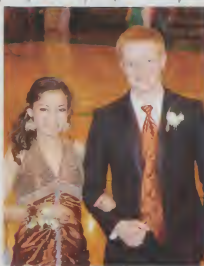
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Jessica Meyer and Ryan Misch



Hayley Williams and Cameron Heskett



Hannah Zygmunt and Tim Blue



Amber Timmerman and Trey Sorrells

3. Senior Megan Morgan and her date
4. Senior Kyle Schultz and junior Victoria Letnich
5. Senior Zanosha Brown and her date
6. Katelyn McBride gives Mrs. Fiegle-Hicks her ticket.
7. Juniors Brett Odle, Erin Barnett, Amber Mathews, and sophomore Sariah Germain



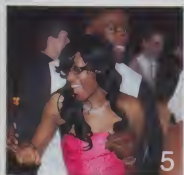
1. Senior Alex Walker and his date Nicole Bensinger
2. Juniors Philip Reiner and Skylar Teibel



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8. Junior Rashawnda Gilliam and her date
9. Mrs. Rhonda Yelton takes Dion Low's prom tickets. His date for prom was senior Ava Tan.
10. Junior Lonnie Pappas show off his dancing moves at the Porter County Expo Center.



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SENIOR ROYALTIES



**MOST LIKELY TO GET OUT
OF TROUBLE BY SMILING**

Nick Lamm
Mike Dalton
Ryan Nix

Kourtney Pany
Megan Morgan
Lauren Bigger



AMAZING ATHLETE

Bryon Duncan
Paul Andrie
Ahmed Aljoubhi

Kate Johnson
Kate Workman
Katelyn Dawkins



BEST SMILE

Brandon Puskiewicz
Berkley Ramsey
Demi Low

Kourtney Pany
Riley Giffain
Laura Ferrari



BEST MUSICAL TALENT

Marty Meyer
Mitchel Pynakker
Morgan Anderson

Taylor Bryson
Domo Wilson
Katie Mirak



DRAMA KING/QUEEN

Michael Ohm
Alex Vasile
Johnny Bagnar

Kacey Miller
Elyse Dumas
Lexi Knoblock



KINDEST PERSON

Brandon Puskiewicz
Mitchel Pynakker
Conner Sunday

Cassie Henderlong
Gretchen Kohler
Bri Leask



BEST HAIR

Nick Domer
Jake Tudor
Miguel Rivas

Elyse Dumas
Whitney Harold
Hannah Shingler



**MOST LIKELY TO BE A
MILLIONAIRE IN FIVE YEARS**

Kaleb Hagen
Riley Allen
Mike Dillon

Roshni Dhoat
Theresa Katsika
Taylor Bryson



MOST INVOLVED

Conner Sunday
Zach Housley
Greg Thorne

Gretchen Kohler
Bri Leask
Misty Thoms



**MOST LIKELY TO NEVER
RETURN TO VALPO**

Pit Jaekel
Adam Stuletsky
Alex Clough

Alyssa Bassett
Bridget Seimell
Alyx Sippek



**LAUGH AND THEN SAY,
'I DON'T GET IT'**

Garrett Brown
Ian Rumeriz
Kyle Sokulicz

Renee Wickham
Jenna Janesheski
Liz Lifer



MOST LIKELY TO STAY IN VALPO

Jonny Bryson
John Olejniczak
Drew Boele

Sara Ozgur
Hannah Albert
Katie Briggs



BEST PERSONALITY

**MOST LIKELY TO FALL
IN A MANHOLE**

**MOST LIKELY TO SAY SOMETHING
IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE**

SUPER SPIRITED

John Olejniczak
Bennett Sanders
Jay Smith

Brandon Schmitt
Jenni Mallek
Katie Briggs

Jeff Chhabai
David Wright
Byline Collins

Jenna Janesheski
Vicky Vinsanto
Jasmine Ergas

Brandon Schmitt
P.J. Chhabai
Jesus Torres

Mike Schmitt
Eric Schmitt
Priscilla Rocha

Josh Mekola
Jeff Chhabai
Derek Smith

Stephanie Bongard
Katie Crostreat
Aly Thomas



**PERFECT COUPLE THAT
NEVER DATED**

AWESOME ARTIST

BEST LAUGH

**MOST LIKELY TO BE INCARCERATED
IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY**

Brandon Puszkiewicz & Jenni Mallek
Ahmad Ajlouni & Daria Alirahman
Haseeb Durrani & Ali Mallek

Alec Bauer
Jordan Curatino
Tim Czeka

Priscilla Rocha
Megan Rudovich
Eric Hauter

Nick Hartman
Tony Marila
Mark DeBata

Allie O'Brien
Abby Timmons
Sara Ozgur

Kareem Omara
Ryne Collins
Riley Allen

Jamie Rollings
Katie Crostreat
Anneliese Trapp



**MOST LIKELY TO TAKE
OVER THE WORLD**

WORST DRIVER

BEST DRESSED

CLASS CLOWN

Shahid Ajlouni
Tim Czeka
Haseeb Durrani

Ali Mallek
Ava Tan
Irena Hozo

Jake Grossnickle
Matt Timmer

Katherine Berning
Ryan Thomas
Lexi Knoblock

Peter Morgan
Jordan Curatino
Jose Lara

Ali Mallek
Sonja Schaefer
Katie O'Connor

Bennett Sanders
Tony Marila
Kareem Omara

Ali Mallek
Jenni Mallek
Eric Evers



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

BIGGEST FLIRT

**MOST LIKELY TO BE ON A
REALITY TV SHOW**

CUTEST COUPLE

Ahmad Ajlouni
Dawn Low
Adam Studebaker

Ava Tan
Roshni Dhoot
Middle Schenck

Rajeev Popli
Ryan Nix
Ryan Tapp

Kate Workman
Emily Moon
Steffanie Long

Riley Allen
Alex Vaille
Jake Grossnickle

Alyssa Bassett
Kacey Miller
Eric Evers

Ethan Joll & Molly Kusmiz
Nick Hartman & Justine Johnson
Joe Pali & Sara Clark

GRADUATION



1 Senior **Philip Russell** addresses the VHS Class of 2012 as one of the chosen student speakers.

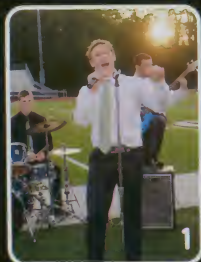
2. Graduating senior **Peyton Bonnell** patiently waits as the rest of the students receive their diplomas.

3. **Katelyn McBride, Dion Low, and Allyson Kraft** turn their tassels indicating their new status as graduates.

4. School board members and administrators applaud the graduating class of 2012.

5. Members of the graduating class listen to the National Anthem before the ceremony begins.

6. Retiring principal **Mr. Jim Doane** prepares the graduates in the field house before the ceremony.



1. Senior **Mitchel Pynakker** sings the senior class song "Good Life" by One Republic.

2. Making his way down the aisle, senior **Tyler Ingram** looks for his seat.

3. Retiring English teacher **Neil Hurdle** serves as the guest speaker for the graduation ceremony.

CLASS OF 2012



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1. The senior class song "Good Life" is performed by senior Mitchel Pynakker and several other graduates.
2. Alex Crouch, Jordan Curatolo, and Tim Czekaj enter the seating area.
3. Senior Kate Workman adjusts her cap.
4. Students look over the commencement program.
5. Student speaker Erin Evers urges fellow graduates to remember to always wear comfortable shoes.
6. Social Studies teacher Mr. Jon Davis takes Logan Bertalan's name card.
7. Graduate Molly Tullis beams with pride.

After months of anticipation and hard work, Valparaiso High School seniors enjoyed the one hundred thirty-eighth commencement exercises on Friday, June 8 at 7pm.

Over five hundred students received their diplomas during the ceremony which was held outside on the VHS football field.

Student speakers for the event were seniors **Erin Evers** and **Phillip Russell**. Retiring English teacher Mr. **Nell Hurdle** was selected as the guest speaker by the VHS Class of 2012. He urged the seniors during their lifetimes to "READ, READ, READ."

"I have been counting down to graduation for a very long time, and as each day got closer I became more excited to move on," said senior **Jessica Meyer**.



-KIM'S FARTING DIVORCE-

Kim Kardashian, who was one of the stars of the hit show *Keeping Up with the Kardashians*, and Kris Humphries, who was a professional basketball player, wed on August 20, 2011. Over ten million people watched the wedding on E! The wedding reportedly cost 10 million dollars, but was overshadowed by the couple's hasty divorce, which occurred after a mere 72 days of marriage.



The 2012 Republican debates consisted of some very heated debates between the Republican candidates. Rick Perry dropped out of the race leaving Newt Gingrich, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, and Rick Santorum to debate in South Carolina. While some thought Mitt Romney would come out on top Rick

Santorum won three debates in a row in Colorado, Minnesota, and Missouri. But after Santorum's three state sweep, Romney came back out on top with a win in Nevada.



- REPUBLICAN DEBATES -



With Billy Crystal as the master of ceremonies, the 2012 Oscars were full of surprises. For the first time in 83 years, a silent film, *The Artist* came away with the Oscar for Best Picture. The film also succeeded in the Actor in a Leading Role category where French actor Jean Dujardin beat Brad Pitt and George Clooney.

The Artist continued to dominate throughout the night with Michel Hazanavicius winning an Oscar for Best Director and Mark Bridges winning Best Costume Design.

Meryl Streep won the Oscar for Actress in a Leading Role with her part in *The Iron Lady* beating out Viola Davis from *The Help* and Rooney Mara from *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*. The most memorable part of the night, however, was when Octavia Spencer from *The Help* won the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress. When her name was called, tears streamed down her face and everyone in the theater rose to congratulate her.

-THE OSCARS-



The New York Giants beat the New England Patriots with a score of 21 to 17 in a heart stopping replay of the 2006 final game. The Super Bowl took place at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis on February 5th. The game came down to the final minutes of the fourth quarter, making

it one of the most exciting playoff games in the history of the NFL. Billy Coker won the national anthem, and Madonna performed the first time since her husband Nicky Maris (L.A. Dodger) and WWF star. When the national anthem was over, the Giants and the Patriots, along with the entire crowd, all had their hands up for the national anthem. The entire crowd was on their feet in the stadium.

-SUPER BOWL 2012

-OCCUPY WALL STREET TAKES OVER-

Occupy Wall Street began with a demonstration on September 17, 2011 in Liberty Square in Manhattan's Financial District. According to the Occupy Wall Street website, the movement was a "right back against the reform" of people who were angry at the role of the global economy that is forcing us on our knees. It was estimated that over 40,000 people participated, not only in New York City, but in more than 100 cities around the world. The protest turned into months of demonstrations, the protest turned into violence. Thousands of people were arrested, and more than 100 people were injured or killed.



Dr. Conrad Murray was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter of pop singer, Michael Jackson, on November 29, 2011. The conviction came nearly two and a half years after Jackson's death on June 25, 2009. Murray, 58, faced up to four years in prison and the loss of his medical license. Murray began working with Jackson to help solve his insomnia, giving him propofol, a surgical anesthetic that put him to sleep when other sedatives would not. Murray was charged with being negligent, because he failed to monitor the



administration of Jackson's propofol, and did not call 911 immediately after Jackson passed out, which showed he was responsible for the death of Jackson. The singer died of "acute propofol intoxication".

-MICHAEL JACKSON'S DEATH

-CELEBRITY BABY BOOM-

In Hollywood, there seemed to be a baby boom being born at least once a week amongst the biggest actors and actresses in the world. David and Victoria Beckham welcomed their first daughter, Harper Seven, into their growing family in July 2011. The middle name, Seven, was originally after her dad's jersey number. Harper joined three older brothers, Brooklyn, Romeo, and Cruz. Harper was not the only baby in Hollywood that was being discussed. In addition, Beyonce and Jay-Z welcomed their first baby, a girl, Blue Ivy Carter in January. Blue Ivy became the youngest person to be on the Billboard top 100 list.



THE HEART OF THE YEARBOOK



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Through *Viking Vitality*, the students at Valparaiso High School aimed for excellence in sports, academics, and extra-curricular activities. All students and faculty strived for this perfection because of their dedication to VHS and the Vikings. This devotion led to the theme of the 2011-2012 yearbook, *Viking Vitality*. Within the pages of the yearbook, it is easy to see the Viking commitment through all of the stories and pictures. The students in this yearbook believed that their commitments to Valparaiso were essential to their lives. These commitments, whether they were in sports or academics, contributed to the crucial scope of the school year.

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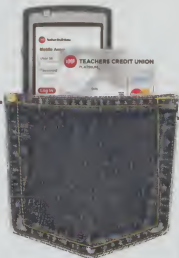


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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 12.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased from 4.5 million to 6.5 million (Office of National Statistics 2000).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of older people in the community. The Department of Health (2000) has published a strategy for older people, which sets out a vision for the future of older people's health and care. The strategy is based on the following principles:

- Older people should be able to live independently and actively in the community.
- Older people should be able to access the services and support they need to live well.
- Older people should be able to participate in decisions about their care and support.
- Older people should be able to live in a safe and secure environment.

The strategy also sets out a number of key objectives for the future, including:

- To reduce the number of older people who are dependent on others for their care and support.
- To improve the quality of life of older people.
- To ensure that older people have access to the services and support they need to live well.
- To ensure that older people are able to participate in decisions about their care and support.

The strategy is a key document for the future of older people's health and care in the UK. It sets out a vision for the future and provides a framework for the development of policies and services for older people.

The strategy is based on the following principles:

- Older people should be able to live independently and actively in the community.
- Older people should be able to access the services and support they need to live well.
- Older people should be able to participate in decisions about their care and support.
- Older people should be able to live in a safe and secure environment.

The strategy also sets out a number of key objectives for the future, including:

- To reduce the number of older people who are dependent on others for their care and support.
- To improve the quality of life of older people.
- To ensure that older people have access to the services and support they need to live well.
- To ensure that older people are able to participate in decisions about their care and support.

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 12.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased from 4.5 million to 6.5 million (Office for National Statistics 2000). The number of people aged 65 and over is projected to increase to 15.5 million by 2020, and the number of people aged 75 and over to 8.5 million (Office for National Statistics 2000).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of older people in the UK. The Department of Health (2000) has published a strategy for older people, which sets out the government's commitment to improve the lives of older people. The strategy is based on three main principles: (1) to ensure that older people have the opportunity to live independently and actively; (2) to ensure that older people have access to the services and support they need; and (3) to ensure that older people are treated with respect and dignity.

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- The NHS should be able to meet the needs of the elderly population in a timely and effective manner.
- The NHS should be able to meet the needs of the elderly population in a way that is consistent with the values and principles of the NHS.
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There is a growing awareness of the need to develop services to meet the needs of the ageing population. The Department of Health (1999) has set out a strategy for the future of health care for older people. This strategy is based on the principle that older people should be able to live in their own homes for as long as possible, and that health care should be provided in a way that is appropriate to their needs. This strategy has led to a number of initiatives, including the development of home care services, the establishment of local authority housing services, and the development of specialist services for older people.

One of the key challenges facing the health care system is how to provide services that are appropriate to the needs of older people. This is a complex task, as older people have a range of needs, including physical, mental, and social needs. The health care system must be able to provide services that meet these needs, and that are delivered in a way that is appropriate to the older person's circumstances. This requires a range of services, including home care, residential care, and specialist services.

One of the key areas of research in this field is the development of services that are appropriate to the needs of older people. This research is focused on understanding the needs of older people, and on developing services that meet these needs. This research is also focused on understanding the barriers to the delivery of services to older people, and on developing ways to overcome these barriers. This research is essential for the development of services that are appropriate to the needs of older people.

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